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THE GLORIOUS FOURTH

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The glorious Fourth, like many another, has passed and gone, and with it go into the record of history, the beauty of the day, the rattle and noise of our infantry, the civic pageant, the bunkum speeches of "set" orators, the military revival headed by the worthy General who might have changed the fate of Bull Run had he been given the chance, the sights and shows, and all the uproarings and confusions inevitably attendant upon the proper observance of the day whose memories all small boys and patriotic men delight to celebrate.

The sun rose bright and beautiful, bountiful in all majestic gildings, and generous, too much so by half, with the heat of mid-Summer, tinging the loftiest spires and the topmasts of our metropolitan navies with the sacred coloring of the heavens, giving promise of a day whose atmospheric condition should be conducive to the most roystering ebullitions of juvenile patriotism and the most satisfactory demonstrations of maturer appreciation of the results following the original Fourth, whose lustre no time nor age can dim. So far as we know, all the inhabitants of the City, between the ages of six and twenty years, made their appearance upon the sidewalks in front of their parents' domicils at the pleasant hour of 3 o'clock in the morning, and with a glam which amounted to fanaticism, indulged in the wholesale and retail destruction of gunpowder and other dangerous compounds. Sensible people went to bed early on the night of the 3d of July. The same class of individuals were wakened early on the following morning. No candid reader will claim that he ever before heard such a universal racket, such a tremendous row-de-dow, such a continuous discharge of fire-arms as on this occasion. Small boys, whose parents, fond of their children and reckless of their cash, had supplied them freely with very poor crackers at very high prices, arose a long time before the traditional lark, and went out upon the street. In the eye of our memory we see them now. Armed with a long piece of "punk," whose burning end was ominous of destruction to little dresses and modest pinafores, the youthful celebrants stood monarchs upon the paternal doorstep, and made morn hideous with the smell of the sulphuric compound and the din and crack of the small red weapon. Whiz, bang, fizzle and pop, crack, crash, hurrah and shout; these were the noises and these the nabers of the Fourth of July, 1866. The waters of the bay were as calm and unruffled as the bosom of Lake George, and when the early pencilings of the sun first marked their tracings on the few fleecy clouds in the heavens it seemed no stretch of the imagination to believe that well-pleased Nature was promising to do her part toward the perfection of the occasion.

It would be idle to attempt an estimate of the amount of cash burned up, fired off and smoked out before sunrise by little boys whose curly heads scarce stand level with the iron rail on the homestead fence, and little girls whose dresses were buttoned up askew that hurrying they might reach the theatre of destruction in time to shrink from and scream at the first explosion of their brother's cracker. Thousands of packs were loosened from their Chinese disfigurement and sent flying toward the clear sky in clouds of pale blue smoke, and thousands of less dangerous bundles were opened that their treasures of torpedoes precious in the sight of small girls and very little boys, might be crushed with a crack upon the pavement stone.

At sunrise the deep boomings from the wide-mouthed cannon sounded from the Battery, whose flag-staff remains, although its old-time beauty is departing, and instantly, as if by magical preconcert, the

FLAG OF THE COUNTRY

adorned every masthead, spire and staff for miles around, fluttering from all points throughout the harbor, up the North River and down the East, belting the great Metropolis with a rainbow of beauty, in whose holy colors men can read freedom to all, peace and good will toward men. The ferry-boats, double-headed, plied hustly back and forth between New-York and Brooklyn, Jersey City and Hoboken, gaily decked with public and priv te flags, loaded with impatient people who feared lest an hour's delay would deprive them of some pleasure. The steamers, whose piers face the North River, the passenger ships of every kind, the beautiful palaces which rest upon the bosom of the Hudson, the sharp-lined clippers, the ponderous merchant ships, the black tugs, the harbor-huggers and lighters—everything from the Cunard Dock to the mouth of the Hudson, from the Battery on either side, up and back, whether steaming or sailing through the stream or idly resting in its berth, displayed the flag of the nation from the mast-head. Many vessels were dressed in lines of bunting from stem to stern, enlivening the appearance of the stream and reflecting from the water the colors of every people on the face of the globe.

About this time gangs of young and thoughtless men armed with revolvers, small cannon and a flask of powder, made their unpleasant appearance upon the streets. They were noisy chaps, who believed evidently in the virtue of obstreperousness, and inclined to the belief that

Whoever wanted fun
Must fire off a pistol or else discharge a gun.
(This is poetry.)

That these unfeeling youths enjoyed themselves there is every reason to believe; certainly no one else did while they were about the streets. At every corner these intensely loyal chaps discharged their duty and their weapons of offence, deafening men, women and children, scaring milkmen and starting horses, while a patient public endured it all and said not a word for "their dear country's sake," a country which bought and saved at that price became for the moment exceedingly dear to the popular sense of the term. That sundry of these reckless youth should have blown off their fingers and mutilated their hands was to be expected, and perhaps pleasurably anticipated. At all events if so many of such accidents should occur as to limit the use of pistols and cannon to idiots we don't believe the public would feel very badly.

Little by little the old folks became convinced, as they had often been in years gone by, that sleep was an utter impossibility under the circumstances, and, at a very early hour in the morning, papa, in his slippers, might be seen standing at the front door, "punk" in hand, and a group of excited little citizens near him waiting for "another bunch," while morning-gowned mamma, with baby in her arms, looked from the parlor window with shrinking apprehension, waiting for TOMMY or GRACIE or BUB, or any other of the little knot, to make a crackerian experience with the Celestial double-header. Probably scores of thousands of proud fathers were converted, for the time being, into punk-holders for the convenience of incipient patriots, whose zeal overcame their discretion, and who were determined to fire off the entire box before the bell summoned them to an early breakfast. After a somewhat unseasonable meal, in thousands of instances, all hands and the baby shut up shop and started off on a general tour of exploration—a tour fraught with danger from many sources, but enjoyable to one and all, hot and dusty and tired though they were.

Stores and warehouses, large concerns and trading places agreed to accept the general holiday. Soda-water-men, bananna-men, fruity-men, small-standed-men, who displayed fire-crackers, and the employes of public conveyances were the exceptions to the rule. Everybody from the country, and they came in by thousands, wanted a drink; water they couldn't well get; whisky they, of course, wouldn't touch, and soda-water became a necessity. Some dealers sold a thousand glasses during the day. All the lines of travel up town were thronged. The stages and cars running from the ferries were packed with people going toward the square or the parks, while those coming down were empty. The ferry-boats, although extras were put on, were dangerously full, and from all the country round about came streams to the great maelstrom of New-York. On the streets were many curious and interesting scenes. Down town there was nobody. All that part of the City occupied by warehouses and offices, Wall-street, Beaver-street, Exchange-place, Broad and South and West streets, and other kindred thoroughfares usually crowded by eager-eyed men were desolate; even the lower Broadway, which ordinarily is packed like a country fair, was startled out of its somnolence only by an occasional step. In the neighborhood of Fulton-street and Broadway the several lines of up-town pilgrims met. People from the South, Wall, Fulton and Jersey ferries joined forces there, and in long lined procession marched upward toward the scene of military display. The closing of restaurants was a feature universally regretted. People of regular habits want their lunch on holidays quite as decidedly as on any other. Even the Astor House Rotunda Restaurant was closed, and persons were compelled to pay twelve shillings at the counter for a dinner, when a modest chop was all they cared for or got. Broadway was at one time filled with empty stomachs; everybody was craving a bite, and nothing could be procured save half rotten pineapples, peanuts, soda-water, and lemonade of doubtful origin.

THE PARK,

for some unknown reason, was a centre of attraction all day long. The fountain, not generally regarded as a work of art, was on this occasion the object of prolonged staring and much admiration; the brownstone disfiguration of the late G. W. is popularly considered a nuisance and a libel, but during the day we observed many groups of aged and younger people gazing at its absurdities with tearful reverence and pious regard; the City Hall, dirty and unkempt, came in for its share of adoration, while handsome Capt. BRACKETT, whose name is embalmed in the grateful memory of all ball managers and festivity brokers, was regarded by thousands of admiring countrymen as the embodiment of the law and order of the Metropolis, to see whom was to see a big thing. And the Captain, who has done a great work recently in the enforcement of the hackney, not to say hackneyed, laws, did a little job yesterday, which indicates the progress of matters and things here and thereabouts. On the Fourth of July it has always been the custom to permit small standed men to occupy portions of the sacred soil for the convenience of the dear people who affect sour oranges, dried up apples, rotten pines, and make-believe lemonade. The same concession was made on this occasion, but the friendly sons of St. Patrick, to whom was entrusted the delicate duty of assigning the ground, conceived it to be their soleman duty to permit no one in the Park as a vender, however small, unless he was white as to complexion, Irish as to descent. In consequence they put a couple of darkies to ignominious flight, routing them with great gusto and putting them in great bodily fear. This came to the ears of Captain BRACKETT, who, as Supreme Boss of the Twenty-fifth Precinct, has charge of the Park. BRACKETT is not known to have prejudices *pro* or *con*, but he sent for his officious assistants, and lectured them in a way they won't soon forget, the result being that the venders of every hue and every clime stood yesterday on a par, so far as the Pa of the Park could make them. We saw a Chinese (hair tail cut off) peddling poor cigars, a Connecticut negro peddling ice cream, a Cork Irishman peddling peanuts, a great many little girls peddling crackers, and scores of women peddling a variety of small wares.

Very many loafed and lounged about not knowing or caring where to go. Some gazed at the Park fountain, some at the City Hall, some wondered what the skeleton frames for the fireworks meant, but the vast majority from out of town and of the line of march turned their steps toward Union-square. Among them were sundry and divers old gentlemen, who wore proudly a cockade in the hat, a waist belt, and perchance a sword; these are the veterans of 1812, men whose ranks are nearly reduced to *nil*, whose sands of life are gradually and surely running out, but whose memorable deeds are brighter and more glorious as year follows year. Returned soldiers were plentiful. These had troops of friends with them, and while the veterans of '12 toddled feebly along the street alone, the bronzed boys of '61 strode hilariously to the nearest bar, treated and were treated, marking with painful plainness the contrast. Such is life. But of all the interested, not to say interesting people, *en route* for the scene of the military review, the delegations from the country districts are entitled to the palm. Our rural friends came in great numbers. They came by rail, they came by sail, they came in stages, they came in barges, they came on foot, they came in throngs, pic-nic parties, sight-seeing companies, families and lovers, farmers and their "help," wrinkled men, women with bunches of carroway-seed, lusty youths with brown cheeks and straw hats, bonnie lasses with flats, curls and baskets of lunch—they all came, and they all had a good time. They sauntered leisurely up Broadway, wondering what was behind the shutters; they stared at the omnibuses and wondered at the cars; they flattened their noses against TAYLOR's restaurant windows; they swarmed through BARNUM's saloons, looking at the fat woman, big turtles, glass ships, fizzle-headed Circassians and no-boned men; they were hustled here and jostled there, always good-natured, awkward and hungry, buying liberally from every peanut stand, and gazing with unfeigned admiration at every man in soldier's clothes into whose presence they luckily came.

There were to have been two grand features, the procession and the fireworks.

THE PROCESSION,

to all military ones, small boys and country people generally, was, of course, the demonstration of the day, and the popular interest in it cannot well be overestimated.

At early dawn the members of the First Division, National Guard, were abroad, in anticipation of the approaching parade of that command in honor of the glorious Fourth. The several regimental commanders were nearly unanimous in designating the hour of 6:30 A. M. for the assembling of their respective commands, and we were pleased to observe such universal promptness as was manifested by the National Guardsmen parading yesterday. By six o'clock the streets were active with soldiery, every man making haste to join his comrades at the arsenals and armories. Cars and omnibuses fairly overflowed with uniforms, and the usual current of travel seemed for the nonce to be changed and lost among so many citizen soldiers. Artillerists and cavalrymen cantered to the rendezvous with clanking sabre and jingling accoutrements. The Zou Zou, in flowing breeches and snowy turban, hobnobbed with his more soberly dressed brother of the line; staff officers, in all their splendor of housings and of dress, exchanged the genial courtesies of the day with a friend in the infantry who was hastening to his company for parade. Colonels, Brigadiers and Major-Generals were also out in full force, and the National Guard for once seemed to have taken the City by storm.

Agreeably to Brigade and Division orders, the several regiments were early on the road to their respective stations in the line, arriving on the ground with commendable promptness. The line of review was formed in Fifth-avenue, the right resting on Washington Parade Ground, and extending up the avenue to Madison-square. The line of formation was in accordance with the programme laid down, the Brigades taking position in numerical order, the Brigade of Cavalry being on the extreme left. The orders issued by Gen. SANDFORD directed that the line should be formed at 8 o'clock precisely, and it was formed a few minutes in advance of the time prescribed, but the usual tardiness on the part of Maj.-Gen. SANDFORD and staff was observable, and caused much comment among the spectators as well as the members of the Division. When the men had remained in position, prepared for review, for nearly an hour, the review was commenced at 8:50 o'clock, each Brigade coming to a present as the General proceeded from the right of the line.

As soon as each Brigade had been reviewed, each Regiment wheeled into column in readiness for the line of march. At 10 o'clock the command "March!" was given by Gen. SANDFORD, and the column was put in motion, marching in the following order:

Platoon of Police.
Capt. Otto's Troop of Carbineers.
Major-Gen. SANDFORD, Commanding First Division, and Staff.

FIRST BRIGADE.

Brig.-Gen. SPIEER, commanding.
Second Infantry, Col. Thomas N. Reid.
Seventy-first Infantry, Lieut.-Col. J. W. Coles.
Seventy-seventh Infantry, Col. Thomas Lynch.
Ninety-ninth, Lieut.-Col. Patrick J. Downing.

SECOND BRIGADE.

Acting-Brig.-Gen. BURGER, commanding.
Third Infantry, Col. John E. Bendix.
Fifth Infantry, Lieut.-Col. A. Meyer.
Sixth Infantry, Col. Joel W. Mason.
Twelfth Infantry, Col. Wm. G. Ward.
Eighty-fourth Infantry, Col. F. A. Conkling.
Ninety-sixth Infantry, Col. J. D. Krehbiel.
First Artillery, Col. D. W. Teller.

THIRD BRIGADE.

Brig. Gen. HALL, commanding.
First Infantry, Col. Asa Rush C. Hawkins.
Seventh Infantry, Col. Emmons Clark.
Eighth Infantry, Col. J. M. Varian.
Ninth Infantry, Col. J. H. Wilcox.
Thirty-seventh, Col. Wm. H. Farrar.
Fifty-fifth, Col. Eugene Le Gal.

FOURTH BRIGADE.

Col. H. D. HOLL, commanding.
Fourth Infantry, Lieut.-Col. Thorpe.
Eleventh Infantry, Lieut.-Col. H. Lux.
Twenty-second Infantry, Col. Jas. F. Cox.
Sixty-ninth Infantry, Col. M. T. McMahon.
Seventy-ninth Infantry, Col. A. Farnsworth.
Ninety-fifth Infantry, Lieut.-Col. Frank McElroy.

CAVALRY BRIGADE.

Gen. BROOKE POSTLEY, commanding.
First Regiment, Col. D. C. Minton.
Second Regiment, Col. J. H. Budkhe.

APPEARANCE OF THE COMMANDS.

The First Brigade was under the command of Brig. Gen. CHARLES B. SPICER, and consisted of the Second, Seventy-first, Seventy-seventh, and Ninety-ninth Regiments of Infantry.

The Second Regiment, Col. REID, paraded about 250 muskets in six companies, and made a fair appearance, considering the numerous disadvantages they have had to contend with since their return from the field.

The Seventy-first Regiment, Lieut.-Col. COLES in command, appeared in line with over 350 men in eight companies, presenting their usual neat and soldierly appearance.

The Seventy-seventh Regiment, under command of Col. LYNCH, paraded nearly 250 muskets in an eight-company formation, the result being a lack of cohesiveness and a want of regularity.

The Ninety-ninth Regiment appeared with only 200 men, in four companies, and, in consequence, were excusable for their shortcomings. This regiment should be absorbed into some more healthy organization.

The Second Brigade was under the command of Acting Brig.-Gen. LOUIS BERGER, and consisted of the Third, Fifth, Sixth, Twelfth, Eighty-fourth and Ninety-sixth Regiments of Infantry, with the First Regiment of Artillery.

The Third Regiment (Bendix Zouaves) appeared in line with about 450 men, in eight companies, and presented a fine appearance in their neat and serviceable zouave uniform.

The Fifth Regiment, Lieut.-Col. MEYER in command, made a handsome appearance, and with full ranks, there being fully 700 men in line, in the regular ten-company formation. This excellent command has made rapid strides toward perfection since the war returned so many honorary members to its ranks. The Fifth wears the United States regulation uniform for Heavy Artillery, with plumed hats, cross cannons and cords, and the appearance of the regiment is much improved by the brass scales now falling into disuse. The drum-corps of this regiment is the best in the division.

The Sixth Regiment, commanded by Major KINNEY, paraded with 300 men, in six companies, and made a creditable appearance.

The Twelfth Regiment, under the command of Col. WARD, appeared in line with nearly 450 muskets, in ten companies, making a very fine appearance in their time-honored Chasseur uniform. The drum-corps of this Regiment is a credit to the command, being evidently in capable hands.

The Eighty-fourth Regiment, Col. CONKLING, only paraded 350 men, in ten companies, which formation marred the appearance of the command very much, giving it a disorderly appearance which was painful.

The Ninety-sixth Regiment, under Col. KREHBIEL, parraded with about 400 men, in eight companies, making a good appearance. Some of the men paraded without ponpons, which marred the appearance of the companies.

The First Regiment Artillery, Col. TELLER Commanding, made a really creditable appearance, having about 250 men on parade, and three batteries of four guns each. The first battery was thrown into position at Washington Parade-ground, to fire the salute as the column moved, performing that duty very finely.

The Third Brigade was under the command of Brig.-Gen. WM. HALL, and consisting of the First, Seventh, Eighth, Ninth, Thirty-seventh and Fifty-fifth Regiments of Infantry. The Eighth Regiment Troop was detailed to act as an escort to the Brigadier, which was incorrect, as an officer of that rank has no right to an entire troop. The appearance of the troop was soldierly, as is usual with that fine body of horsemen.

The First Regiment (Hawkins' Zouaves,) made a remarkably handsome appearance in their neat and unpretending Zouave uniform, parading 250 men in six companies. This regiment has but recently received its arms.

The Seventh Regiment, under command of Col. CLARKE, made their usual magnificent appearance, parading nearly 800 men, all wearing the superb chasseur uniform peculiar to this corps, the regiment marching in platoons. The ranks of the Seventh were unusually full for a Fourth of July parade.

The Eighth Regiment, under Col. VARIAN, paraded about 400 men in eight companies, and appeared to great advantage, though it seemed a pity that they should have resigned the grey uniform, once so distinctive of their name.

The Ninth Regiment, Col. WILCOX commanding, paraded about 300 men in eight companies, and appeared to advantage in the neat and serviceable uniform worn by this regiment. The appearance of the command, however, would have been greatly improved if there had been but six company formations.

The Thirty-seventh Regiment appeared in line with scarcely 250 men in eight companies, under the command of Capt. ROOMES. It does not speak well for the field officers of this regiment that the command should be obliged to parade under a line officer. To this cause may, no doubt, be attributed the paucity of attendance.

The Fifty-fifth Regiment, (Garde Lafayette,) under Col. LE GAL, paraded with about 300 men in line, in eight companies, making a good appearance, and being attended by their *vivandiere*. We noticed, however, that the staff was not in such full attendance as usual with this command.

The Fourth Brigade was under the command of Col. HULL, of the Fourth Zouaves, which fact excited much comment as Brevet Major-Gen. M. T. MCMAHON, of the Sixty-ninth, was present with his command. The brigade consists of the Fourth, Eleventh, Twenty-second, Sixty-ninth, Seventy-ninth, and Ninety-fifth Regiments of Infantry.

The Fourth Regiment paraded 400 men in six companies, under the command of Lieut.-Col. THORPE, and made a most dashing appearance in the old and familiar uniform worn by the Fifth New-York Volunteers. They were repeatedly cheered along the route of march.

The Eleventh Regiment, under the command of Lieut.-Col. LUX, made an imposing appearance in their tasteful rifle uniform, each man wearing the *aiguellette*. Nearly 600 men were in line. The buglers attached to this regiment are a peculiar feature.

The Twenty-second Regiment paraded with 350 men in eight companies, under the command of Col. COX, and their appearance was most creditable, except in point of numbers, which should have been larger.

The Sixty-ninth Regiment, under the command of Colonel and Brevet Major-General MCMAHON, appeared on parade with about 300 men in eight companies, the command having a soldierly look.

The Seventy-ninth Regiment, under the command of Col. FARNSWORTH, made their first parade in the ranks of the National Guard since their return from the field. The command, numbering nearly 300 men, in seven companies, made a good appearance in their newly adopted uniform (artillery fatigue,) and they were warmly received by the citizens.

The Ninety-fifth Regiment, under command of Lieut.-Col. MCELROY, only appeared with 150 men in six companies. The command was, however, marched by division front, and made a creditable appearance.

The First Brigade of Cavalry was under the command of Brig.-Gen. BROOKE POSTLEY, and consisted of the First and Second Regiments of cavalry. The First Cavalry was under command of Col. MINTON, and paraded 200 sabres. The Second Cavalry paraded about 400 sabres, under the command of Col. BUDKE. Both regiments made a creditable appearance, considering the difficulties attending their organization. It is to be hoped that the brigade adopt a simpler uniform, so that recruits may be more readily obtained.

SALUTE PAID TO GEN. HOOKER AND MAYOR HOFFMAN.

The line of march was up Waverley-place and University-place to Union-square, thence up Fourth-avenue and Twenty-third-street to Madison-avenue, up Madison-avenue to Thirty-sixth-street, through Thirty-sixth-street to Fifth-avenue, and down Fifth-avenue to Fourteenth-street. As the head of the column debouched into Union-square at 10:30 o'clock, the honors of a marching salute was paid to Major-Gen. JOSEPH HOOKER, commanding the Department of the East, and to Mayor HOFFMAN and Corporation of the City of New-York. The crowd at the square was very great, and it was with the greatest difficulty that the police could keep a sufficient space clear for the movements of the division. The column was moved with celerity, and the distances so well observed that the entire division marched past the reviewing officer in forty-five minutes, which was very good, as there were nearly nine thousand men in line, of all arms. The appearance of the several commands as they marched past the reviewing stand was highly creditable, and manifested the careful drill observed during the Winter by the majority of the regiments. By the time the rear of the division had marched through Union-square the head of the column had reached Madison square, when it halted near the Worth monument. It was intended to pay His Excellency Gov. FENTON the honor of a marching salute at this point, but his non-arrival prevented this part of the official programme being carried out. Gen. SANDFORD arrived 11 o'clock, when he at once gave the order to move down Fifth-avenue to Fourteenth-street, where the division was dismissed, and the regiments returned to their armories.

The parade then was a success. Gen. SANDFORD has in days gone by been the deserved recipient of many a grumble and many a compliment, and on this occasion seems to have struck an even balance, preserving his military equilibrium, without at all destroying the popular impression concerning his love of delayed display.

THE TAMMANY CELEBRATION

of this day has for years been a prominent part of its public honorings. Of late years it has attracted less attention for obvious reasons, but on this occasion its former prestige was revived, and the popular interest in its doings justifies the following record.

Whatever may have been the character of the Fourth of July demonstrations by the Sachems, Warriors and Chiefs of Old Tammany in days gone and past, when the Democracy was in what has been called its "palmy days," that of yesterday was certainly a triumph in the way of political and patriotic celebration. The patronly old man of the "Wigwam" did not "show his teeth," but rather spread out his arms after the most evangelical method and said, "Welcome all who take for their guide and director the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution of the United States." To begin with, the "Wigwam" was not the rude hut which the title would imply. It was a tastefully decorated hall, comfortably seated, with a platform at one end after the form of our modern civilization. What would Tammany be without its platform? But we must glance at the ornaments. Against this there is no law. Of the artistic hands which had been tried upon the busts of WASHINGTON, WEBSTER, and one or two other historic names, it is hoped that oblivion will be kind to them for their treachery. After looking upon them the "What-is-it?" in the City Hall Park may be forgiven for assuming to represent any known personage, past or present.

To the right of the platform was the following motto:

"THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY—Upon its union and success depend the future of the Republic. He who would seek to lower its standard of patriotism and principle, or to distract or divide its councils, is an enemy to the country."

Over the platform was the following:

"One country, one Constitution, one destiny."
"1776, (bust of WASHINGTON,) 1866."

To the left of the platform was the following:

THE TAMMANY SOCIETY

Founded in 1789. In true yet foundation identified with the establishment of the UNION, ever faithful to its obligations. She has added another proof of her devotion by sending forth her sons to protect and maintain it.

Over the bust of HENRY CLAY:

"A union of hearts, a union of hands,
A union of States, none can sever;
A union of states, a union of lands,
The cement of this Union forever."

Over the bust of JACKSON:

"The Union must and shall be preserved."

On the centre of the north wall was the following *in memoriam* inscription:

The Memory of the Departed Braves:
Shepard, Conner,
Vosburg, Kennedy,
Olaney, Purdy.

Over the bust of WEBSTER—

"Eternal hostility to every form of tyranny."

Over the bust of FRANKLIN—

"Civil and religious liberty, the rights of man."

BANNERS.

Beginning to the left of the room on entering, is the State insignia of Massachusetts; then New-Hampshire, Connecticut, Rhode Island, Delaware, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, New-York, New-Jersey.

The ceiling was almost obscured by the profuse display of bunting, which was gracefully hung from the centre of the chandelier, and radiating therefrom to all corners and sides of the hall. The walls were tastefully hung with American flags of all sizes, and the stand was literally a mass of Stars and Stripes.

The whole display was creditable, and MR. ANDREW J. GARVEY, of the Committee on Decorations, deserves praise for the good taste observed in the disposition of the gay and festive materials put into his hands for the fitting up of Tammany Hall on this occasion.

The choir for the occasion was constituted of twenty-six boys from several of the Public Schools, whose rendering of the songs "My Country 'tis of Thee," and "The Boys Come Marching," was a creditable assurance that the musical education of the boys of New-York is not by any means neglected in our Common Schools. The singing was under the direction of Prof. OLNEY.

The Tammany Band was an efficient instrumentality in the celebration, and its members evidently determined not to be overshadowed by the voices of the schoolboys.

At 1 o'clock the Grand Sachem, preceded by the inevitable Brother ROOME, with the rod of power, surmounted by the largest cap of Liberty in New-York, escorted the Grand Sachem, Hon. JOHN T. HOFFMAN, into the "Wigwam," followed by a host of Sachems, Warriors and Chiefs, among whom were observed Hon. Richard O'Gorman, Corporation Counsel, Hon. Edwards Pierrepont, Hon. Samuel S. Cox, Hon. Saml. G. Courtney, August Belmont, Andrew H. Green, Hon. Thomas W. Clarke, Douglas Taylor, Isaac Bell, Hon. M. T. Brennan, Hon. Edward H. Anderson, Hon. Morgan Jones, Jas. B. Nicholson, P. B. Sweeney, Hon. Richard B. Connolly, J. R. Brodhead, Jno. J. Bradley, Eli P. Norton.

After the Sachems, &c., had been comfortably seated around the fire, the Grand Sachem, Hon. JOHN T. HOFFMAN, rose in their midst, and, looking round upon all, said:

BROTHERS AND FRIENDS:—I welcome you heartily to this old Wigwam, within which for more than half a century the Tammany Society has, with unfailing regularity, celebrated the anniversary of American Independence. Its venerable walls bear the marks of time, and are blackened with the smoke of many a council-fire, and many a conflict. In outward show it compares but poorly with some of the gilded temples of some more modern political associations; but in its ancient and honorable record, its glorious past and its bright future, it outshines them all. [Applause.] During the years of fearful struggle through which the Nation has just passed, while other places more elegant and more fashionable were the resort of those who assumed to themselves much of the patriotism and loyalty of the land, Old Tammany was ever wide open as a recruiting place for a class of patriots who were willing to fight as well as to talk for their country. [Applause.] Brave men went forth from here, who either died upon the battle-field or, after honorable discharge, have returned to labor and to vote for the speedy restoration of that Union for the maintenance of which they hazarded their lives. Tammany Hall, true to its ancient record, never yielded to the demands of fanaticism or faltered in its devotion to the Constitution—[applause]—and now that peace has come, it demands that with peace shall come "good will to men." It sustained the war, as waged for the preservation of the Union and the Constitution, and having triumphed, it demands that neither the one nor the other shall be tampered with by politicians or fanatics, in Congress or out of it. [Applause.] On this anniversary of the independence of the United States of America, it asserts, not as a theory, but as a fact, that the States are united—that they are equal under the Constitution, and that the avowed determination of a Radical Congress to refuse representation to eleven of them is a gross assumption and abuse of political power which deserves to be, as it will be, rebuked by an intelligent people. [Applause.] If demands and will insist before the country that the people of those eleven States, having abandoned the heresy of secession and submitted to the authority of the Government, should have immediate representation in the persons of men who are true to the Constitution and the laws, [applause;] and that radical partisans shall not, for the sake of perpetuating their political power, keep asunder those States, for the eternal Union of which hundreds of thousands of brave men have perished—[applause]—and thousands of millions of treasure have been expended. In making these demands it is ready to start anew, in concert with conservative men everywhere, in a determined effort to overthrow disunion, now that war is ended, will have no peace, and who, now that disunion is killed, will have no Union. [Applause.] WM. D. KENNEDY went forth the leader of a Tammany regiment, and died its representative. Before he went he joined with us in placing in front of the old Wigwam JACKSON's motto, "The Union, it must be preserved." WILLIAM F. PURDY, my immediate predecessor, in his proper sphere did noble service in the good cause, and died on the last anniversary of that great battle which gave to JACKSON immortality. One by one the old braves have passed away, but the younger warriors retain their spirit and will vindicate their memories. They choose this day to start anew upon the war path, and will hoist the tomahawk until all enemies of the Union of the States, and of the rights of States, shall be overthrown. [Applause.] The proprieties of the occasion and the manifold exercises of the day forbid a reference by me to other great questions of National and State, and local policy, which will, in the proper time, be discussed. I again, welcome you to the Old Wigwam. It may be the last time we shall assemble here. It is full of bright memories of the past and great hopes of the future; but it must soon give place to a new and more commodious one, which, in the greatness of its proportions and in harmony of all its parts, will be emblematical of the Union of which it is the representive. [Applause.] Let a voice go forth from here to-day, which will be heard throughout the land. [Applause.]

After this warm welcome, the Public School boys sang "The Star-Spangled Banner" with an effect which made everybody thrill with emotion.

Then Hon. EDWARD H. ANDERSON read the Declaration of Independence with a freshness and vigor such as would have justified the effort if it was made for the first time at the Independence Hall in Philadelphia.

Then again the boys, in "My Country, 'tis of Thee."

HENRY MORFORD, Esq., then read an original poem on "America in England," in which he strove to show that England did not understand us, except when things were exaggerated to her, as the poet confessed he had tried while on a recent visit to the "home of his fathers."

At this juncture the Grand Sachem deemed it best to fire the salute in honor of the day; so he called up the artilleryman, Bro. ROBERT C. HUTCHINGS, who opened a budget of letters which were really formidable, beginning with no less than an epistle from the White House, at Washington, and following that up with a volley from Secretary SEWARD, Secretary WELLES and Gen. GRANT.

FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES.

EXECUTIVE MANSION,
WASHINGTON, D. C., July 2, 1866.

SIR: I thank you for the cordial invitation of the time-honored Society of Tammany, to participate with them in the celebration of the approaching anniversary of our National Independence.

The patriotic sons and patriotic spirit of the invitation meet my hearty approval. They are indications of a growing public sentiment, which, now that the bitter strife of civil war has ceased, requires a renewal of the pursuits of peace, a return to the Constitution of our fathers, rigid adherence to its principles, increased reverence for its sacred obligations; a restored, invigorated and permanent Union; and a fraternity of feeling that shall make us, as a people, one and indissoluble. There can be, for the patriot, no higher duty, no nobler work, than the obliteration of the passions and prejudices which, resulting from our late sad conflict, have retarded reconciliation, and prevented that complete restoration of all the States to their constitutional relations with the Federal Government, which is essential to the peace, unity, strength and prosperity of the nation.

Regretting that my public duties will not permit me to be present at your celebration, I am, very respectfully, yours,
ANDREW JOHNSON.
To the Hon. JOHN T. HOFFMAN, &c., &c., City-Hall, New-York.

FROM SECRETARY SEWARD.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE,
WASHINGTON, June 25, 1866.

To the Hon. John T. Hoffman, City Hall, New-York:

SIR:—I have had the honor to receive the invitation of the Tammany Society for the celebration of the approaching Fourth of July.

I am highly pleased with it in the form of the invitation. I like the motto which is placed at its head, "The Union must and shall be preserved." I like the vignette which illustrates it. I like the associated hues with which it is colored, namely—the red which is blood, the blue of the temple of liberty based upon the rock of the Constitution, and protected by the eagle of the American continent. I like the ships and railroads, emblems of prosperity and progress. I like the significant conjunction of dates, 1776 and 1866—a period of ninety years. Why, in looking at these figures, we almost feel assured that our Republic has a life of at least one century. Alas! how many Republics have been shorter lived! I would have had the flag of the Union, which is on the right, present in its azure field, only the thirteen original States; but I especially delight in the flag which is on the left hand, and in whose enlarged field twenty-three stars are blazing which have come out from the deep cerulean within the last nine years, while the original thirteen stars yet remain in their ancient place, all their morning lustre undiminished.

I have had some differences, in my time, with the Tammany Society, but I long ago forgot them all, when I recalled the fact that the Society has never once failed to observe and honor the anniversary of National Independence; and the further fact that during the recent civil war the Tammany Society sent its sons to fight for the Union, and with unswerving fidelity, heartily supported the Federal Government in its struggle with sedition. In view of these facts, and of the noble principles now avowed, I hail the Tammany Society as a true Union Leaguer.

I rejoice with the Society that the conflict of arms has ceased; that the rebellion has been crushed; that the authority of the Government has been vindicated, and that the flag of the Union now floats triumphantly over every foot of national domain. On the other hand, I mourn with the Society that the perfect Union given to us by our patriotic forefathers has not yet been entirely restored; that eleven sovereign States are denied representation in the Federal Congress, and are not recognized as co-ordinate parts in the National Legislature. How strange and that we have killed disunion outright, and have killed African Slavery with it, and yet we are not completely reunited.

If I did not feel assured that the American people cannot suffer so great and fatal a solecism to continue, I should say, as many others do, that we are at a crisis. But I have unbounded confidence in the wisdom and virtue of the American people. It is said in excuse of the denial of representation, that the States and their chosen representatives still continue to be seditious and disloyal. I ask, is Tennessee disloyal? Is Arkansas seditious? Are the Senators and Representatives of either of those States disloyal? I desire, in this respect, that each of the two Houses of Congress will apply the constitutional test, with all the improvements of legislation upon it, and thus admit those States and representatives who are loyal, and reject only those against whom the crime of disloyalty shall be established.

I believe with the Tammany Society, that the Union was created to be perpetual, that the States are equal under the Constitution, that the restoration of the Union by the recent war ought to be acknowledged and recognized by all the departments of the Federal Government, that a spirit of magnanimity and fraternity should prevail in all our councils, and that the South, having accepted of the lessons of the war, and relinquished the heresies of secession, shall, as fast as far and so fast as she comes in the attitude of loyalty, and in the persons of loyal and qualified representatives, be admitted to her constitutional representation.

I want, henceforth and forever, no North, no South, no East, no West, no divisions, and no sections and no classes, but one united and harmonious people.

It will be impossible for me to attend the celebration personally. What I have written I trust will satisfy the Society that, in spirit, I shall always be with them when they shall be engaged in renewing and fortifying the National Union.

I have the honor to be, Sir, your very obedient servant,
WILLIAM H. SEWARD.

FROM SECRETARY WELLES.

NAVY DEPARTMENT, July 2, 1866.

GENTLEMEN: I have received your invitation, and should be happy to participate with the Tammany Society or Columbian Order in celebrating the approaching anniversary of our National Independence, were I not prevented by public duties.

To the honor of your Society, it has in all times and under all circumstances, in war and in peace, been faithful to the Union of the States and the rights of the States. At no period since its organization have its teachings and services been more required than at the present, when, the victorious arms of the Republic having suppressed the false theory that the Union can be divided by secession, the voluntary withdrawal of a State from its Federal relations and obligations, we are compelled to encounter the opposite extreme of compulsory exclusion, by which the centralists deny to eleven States the representation in Congress which is guaranteed to them by the Constitution.

This doctrine of compulsory exclusion is scarcely less offensive than that of voluntary secession. Each is fatal to the perpetuity of the Union.

After a long and exhausting war, which has cost us so much blood and treasure, the country needs repose, that industry, commerce and the arts of peace may revive, and friendly relations between the States and people may be reëstablished. Friendly confidence among the people is to be encouraged, and must supersede hatred and revenge. No portion of the States or people can be deprived of their just rights without producing estrangement.

I respond most sincerely to the correct and patriotic views expressed in your invitation, and regretting my inability to be present with you, I respectfully submit the following sentiment:

The Union of the States, only to be maintained by a faithful observance of the *rights* of the States.

Very respectfully, GIDEON WELLES.
JOHN T. HOFFMAN, Esq., City Hall, New-York.

FROM GEN. GRANT.

HEADQUARTERS ARMIES OF THE UNITED ST

NEW PUBLICATIONS.

SIR MORTON PETO IN AMERICA.

RESOURCES AND PROSPECTS OF AMERICA ASCERTAINED DURING A VISIT TO THE STATES IN THE AUTUMN OF 1865. By Sir S. Morton Peto, Bart., M. P. for Bristol. New-York: Alex. Strahan & Co.

This work, which appeared in London some weeks since in octavo form, has been reproduced here in Mr. Strahan's usual elegant style as a duodecimo. Abroad Sir Morton Peto's statements have attracted considerable attention, because it was so well understood there that he had unusual facilities for observation, and for the collection of useful and valuable information during his stay in this country last Autumn; and here people will be curious to know what impressions were left upon his mind, because he gave abundant proof that his investigations were all made with kindly intentions, and under a friendly bias. The first feeling in glancing through the work is one of surprise that the distinguished writer could have found time, while so constantly occupied in receiving and reciprocating the hospitalities thrust upon him at every turn, to collect such a mass of statistics—for there is much here that is not to be found in the census reports. All this information, moreover, is classified and arranged with such care, that the book will be universally accepted here, as well as abroad, as one of the most exhaustive and convenient among the numerous manuals of reference which have for their object the exhibition of the extent of our national resources. At the same time these statistics are so connected together by Sir Morton Peto's narrative and speculations, that the most unmathematical and unstatistical reader will find himself interested in the figures in spite of himself.

In the preface Sir Morton speaks thus of the rule which he has attempted to follow:

"As far as possible I have avoided all political allusions, and I have not attempted any descriptions of the country, or of the manners and habits of the people, which have been rendered familiar to us by far abler writers than myself. That which I have been anxious to afford my fellow-countrymen is an opportunity of forming a more correct judgment than that at which many have hitherto arrived, of the progress, means, and prospects of the great nation on the other side of the Atlantic, with which, by every tie of fraternity, we ought to be so closely allied."

Alluding to the free use which he has made of the census reports, he says:

"In arriving at conclusions with reference to those statistics, I have by no means permitted myself to be led blindly by the census reports, or by the feeling prevailing in America which in many cases they reflect. On the contrary, it will be observed that on several very important topics, I have recorded my entire dissent from the conclusions arrived at by the Commissioners, and especially from those relating to the manufacturing industry and commerce of the country."

The first section of the book is devoted to the subject of population, and in a preliminary chapter under this division the writer says:

"The feature which struck me most forcibly during my journey through the United States in the Autumn of last year was the abundant resources of the country. It appeared the land to every thing else. I saw wild territories, both of forest and prairie, being cleared and populated; I saw villages springing into towns, and towns into cities, with a rapidity so marvelous that one's first idea was to attribute it all to the wand of a magician; I passed through whole regions where every description of grain seemed to spring up spontaneously; I went over lines of railway seemingly constructed for the express purpose of conveying this produce to ports from which it could be shipped to countries where there was a superabundant population to consume it; I passed down immense rivers, swarming with steamboats and other vessels, filled with produce; I was brought into communication with the merchants who conducted the varied commerce to which all this gave rise; and, looking at all this, I could not fail to be struck, as a practical man, with the extraordinary and wonderful character of American resources, surpassing, by far, anything of which we have the slightest experience in the Old World, great as our own products, and remarkable as is the industry of our teeming population.

It is mainly with the desire to draw the attention of my fellow-countrymen to this remarkable feature of America, that I have undertaken the task entailed on me by this publication."

Sir Morton was also deeply impressed with the manner in which the subject of the public debt was discussed, and the determination which was everywhere expressed to pay it off instead of carrying it for an indefinite period. In the chapters upon the "Diffusion of the Population" and the "Occupations of the People," a large amount of interesting information is thrown together. Sir Morton, however, takes issue very emphatically with the statement of the common report that "one third of the whole population is supported directly or indirectly by manufactory industry," and gives his reasons why he regards this as a most exaggerated view.

Section Second is devoted to "Agriculture," and under this head is first discussed the question of agricultural development. The writer was deeply impressed with the fact that:

"Although the civil war in the Republic extended over so great a breadth of territory, and although more than a million of men were withdrawn from the producing classes for employment in military service, yet the yield of the great staples of agriculture continued to increase, and never were they greater than in the last year of the war!"

He says that this

"Can only be accounted for by the immense area of the country, the remarkable fertility of its soil, and the earnestness and industry with which the population apply themselves to agricultural improvements."

The "export grain trade," "general produce," and the "provision trade" are exhaustively treated, and the great and overshadowing importance of affording the West the most extensive facilities possible for getting its grain to foreign markets is strongly urged.

Next, the subject of "manufactures" is taken up, and full credit is given for the great inventive faculty displayed in producing labor-saving machines. In this connection the following facts are incidentally mentioned:

"The magnitude of the profits resulting from the production of new labor-saving implements of husbandry in America must be a great spur to inventors and mechanics. It is stated that a slight improvement in 'straw-cutters' enabled the inventor, in a western town of eight months, with only a model instrument, to realize $40,000. Another inventor sold a machine for 'threshing and cleaning' grain for $60,000. The 'McCormick Reaper' yields its inventor a princely income. A single manufacturer has paid a patentee $117,000 in a single year for the use of a patent right on an agricultural machine, which others, at the same time, were charging a royalty in contract with the owner, and which, therefore, he did not obtain exclusively. The American machines are generally exceedingly light and simple. Many of our own implement-makers regard them, I believe, with some disdain in consequence, and make frequent endeavors to 'improve' upon them by strengthening and elaborating them. But it has to be considered that the great merit and advantage of a machine in America is its simplicity and lightness. If it were a cumbersome machine it could not be, to the same extent, a labor-saving machine; for it were a complicated machine, it could not be used, to the same extent, in those regions which are far distant from the cities, where alone the frequent reparations consequent on complications can efficiently be made. Above all, a cumbersome and complicated machine would be unsuited to America, because such a machine could not nearly be as cheap. I repeat a machine and where the average size of farms is less than 200 acres, it is evident that the great bulk of the agriculturists could not afford, even if they required, a highly expensive implement. Lightness, simplicity and comparative cheapness are absolutely essential to the perfection of an instrument in America, even although these qualities are obtained at the cost, as some of our implement makers consider, of strength, comprehensiveness and elaboration."

In the matter of printing machines decided superiority is conceded to the Hoe Cylinder press over the best English drum machine, and the progress made here in book manufacture is thus alluded to:

"It is not many years since American publications were of the commonest and coarsest quality, the sole object aimed at being cheapness. Specimens of the year 1835, and perhaps of more recent date, will show that nothing could be worse than the quality of the paper and the character of the typography and book-binding in the United States. They would not, at that date, bear any comparison with even the common form of unwieldy book produced in England, which were regarded indifferent. But all this has undergone a complete change. On the table before me, as I write, I have an enormous pile of American books, of every variety of size, form and cost—pamphlets, duodecimos, quarto volumes, publications of Congress, books got up at cheap rates, and volumes on the production of which no labor, trouble, care or cost whatever has been spared. Select whichever class of books you will, it will be found to bear comparison with, if not in some respects to excel, our English publications of the same class. The qualities of paper in use are most admirable; in most cases the type is perfect; the work of the printer appears to be done with the greatest skill and excellence; and in many instances the specimens of binding rival those of the famous Mr. Hayday. I select from the books before me a work got up, not for presentation or special service, but for general sale and circulation throughout the United States. It is called the "Trifle Book," and is the production of the munificence, self-sacrifice, and patriotism of the American people during the war for the Union." I do not think I have ever seen a book superior to this as regards paper, letterpress and binding. I do not know what is the price of the volume, for it was kindly given to me by an American friend; but its preface suggests that the cost of its production has been very large. One of the proprietors of the New-York Times appears to have been the projector of this elaborate work, and to be responsible for its cost. And it is confessedly published with a view to profit."

Here are some facts which will probably be new to the majority even of American readers, and it should be observed that the accuracy of some of the statements is decidedly open to question:

"It ought to be observed that printing in the United States is very largely done by female compositors. In New-York one in six of the average number employed in printing productions are women and girls. To a certain extent this is due to the use of machines for setting and distributing the types. These machines are much more used in the United States than in Europe. I apprehend the cause to be that they are found to be labor-saving in a branch of industry in which wages are much higher than with ourselves. In Great Britain our principal master printers have set themselves for a number of years very decidedly in opposition to all typographical instruments. Major Beaumont's type-setting-machine and the various adaptations of it have been, it may be said, universally ignored. In the same way, the employment of female labor in the typographical art has been rejected. And I confess that, looking at the question as one of economy, I have seen no reason to doubt the correctness of the conclusions on this subject which our master printers have arrived at. But I am informed, on good authority, that a time may speedily arrive when these views will have to be reconsidered. The state of the printing trade in England is, at the present time, far from satisfactory. On the subject of wages, hours of labor, &c., the compositors and the master printers in our country appear to be very rapidly diverging. The masters complain that they are too much controlled by the trade association in which the compositors are united. As I have only a general knowledge of the subject, I do not profess to offer an opinion upon the merits of a very delicate question. But I do know, from personal experience, that the public suffer from these differences, and I would strongly recommend both parties to come to a speedy conclusion with respect to them. We find, at the present time, that many of our principal London publishers are transferring a considerable portion of their printing business to the provinces, to Scotland, and even to the United States. We all know that this must be as inconvenient for authors and publishers as it must be injurious to master printers and compositors. If the disputes which lead to such consequences are not speedily terminated, it may happen that the London printers may find it expedient in many cases to use type-setting machines and female workpeople, as is done in the United States. This would tend still further to reduce the wages of compositors. At the present time, I do not think that they are underpaid, considering the intelligence, the skill, the time, and the labor required in this magnificent branch of art. But the printers must consider their position."

Sir Morton speaks with undisguised disgust of our "malt productions," which he esteems for the most part "dear and bad;" but he can hardly say too much regarding the great consumption of ice, the luxury and value of which commodity he tells his countrymen they have not the faintest glimmer. In concluding this branch of his subject—manufactures—Sir Morton deprecates most emphatically what he is pleased to term the delusion of protection. The precious metals, iron, coal, petroleum, &c., &c., are disposed of in the fourth section which treats of minerals; and in section fifth the subject of Commerce is discussed. Under the head of "Internal Trade" Sir Morton administers Mr. Chase an emphatic rebuke for, while Secretary of the Treasury, suggesting that the trade with the Pacific States should be regarded as "coasting trade." Then he gives at much length his views regarding the "Trade with the British Provinces," including the Reciprocity Treaty, &c., &c. But Sir Morton Peto really came to this country to investigate our railway system, and the section in which he discusses it (the sixth) is naturally one of the most interesting in the book. Besides sketching the history of railways here from the date of their earliest institution, Sir Morton brings together exceedingly interesting statistics touching the relative cost and expense of operating American and English roads. Thus he writes:

"The outlay upon the American lines has been from £8,700 up to £15,000 per mile, while the average cost in Great Britain has been nearly £40,000 per mile. In this estimate of cost we have, of course, to consider the relative character of the lines. The American lines are almost invariably single, while the English railroads are mostly double lines. In other respects the American railroads are, as a rule, very inferior to ours. A railroad has been defined to consist of earthworks, sleepers and rails. The earthworks of the American railroads are, for the most part, of a very simple character. From the general level surfaces through which their lines are made, in the prairie districts especially, little has been required but to lay out the track, and I am afraid that the proper preparation of the road-bed has not always been as well attended to as it should have been. The timber for the sleepers has been obtained from the roadside, or from the woods in the immediate neighborhoods. The supply has usually been abundant; and it has immediately contributed to the economic construction of the road, enabling the constructors to lay down sleepers at much more frequent intervals than we usually find them in Europe. The rails have been usually obtained from England, Wales or Scotland, and I believe that, in many cases, the cost of the iron has formed, in America, the largest proportion of the cost of the construction of the lines. The rails are generally too light.

With regard to some other points of American railroad construction, no comparison can be instituted between the arrangements on the other side of the Atlantic and those which prevail among ourselves. There are scarcely any artificial drains. The ballasting of their lines is often very imperfect; indeed, I believe it has not been thought necessary generally to ballast a line at all until after it has been opened, and the consequence, it need scarcely be said, has been very imperfect working, and serious derangement to the rails until the road-bed is drained and ballast is complete. The railway stations in America are also very inferior. For the most part they are mere wooden erections of a temporary character, although, it should be observed, the land on which they are erected has been generally readily given by parties who well understand the greatly enhanced value which a railway station brings to every adjacent property. On the more important lines, however, the stations are gradually rebuilt, substantially and in every respect suitably, from the income of the road.

I observe very little tunneling on the American railways. Most of their bridges and viaducts are constructed on wooden piling in a very inexpensive manner."

Further investigation and maturer reflection have evidently strengthened the conviction Sir Morton Peto early expressed regarding the relations between the express and railway companies in this country. He says:

"It is clearly the interest and duty of railway companies to take upon themselves all the duties of carriers of goods: and not as they do in America, only that part of them which embraces the conveyance from one railway station to another; thus leaving the public exposed to the inconvenience and extra expense they have incurred by having to engage the services of town carters or others to remove their goods to and from the railway. I am afraid that this system of collecting and delivering goods by means of express companies is fraught with evil in another way. The proprietors and managers of many of these companies are, I am told, the directors and officers of railways; who are consequently obtaining for themselves a revenue which we in England should consider ought to belong to the line they serve, and who, besides this, acquire, by means of these companies, a power and authority over the railway which cannot but be prejudicial to its independent working. In many cases the negotiation of rates is entirely taken out of the hands of the railway management by the action of the "Express" Companies, who, in their turn, are very apt to insist on the railway companies entering into contracts with themselves at lower prices than those at which they serve the public. Thus both parties suffer—the railway companies and the public whose goods they convey."

Upon this and numerous other subjects relating to the management of railways, this volume contains a large amount of valuable information and very many practical hints which might be studied with profit by the officers of our roads.

A section (the seventh) is devoted to the consideration of the present condition and prospects of the South, and the writer sums up his views by remarking:

"Looking at the rapid growth of the cotton-plant—at the enormous extent of the lands capable of its cultivation, and looking also at the capital and labor which, under the free system, are flowing, and which will continue to flow in the Southern States—I do not believe I am over-sanguine in predicting—that, within five years from the present time, the cotton production of America will be doubled, and that the consumers of it in the world will have the article at less price than they ever had it before."

Our system of taxation is quite thoroughly reviewed, and in some respects severely criticised, and in conclusion we have a section in which Sir Morton sums up his views. From this chapter we extract a single passage. The writer says:

"On their return from the United States, travelers are not unfrequently asked what feature struck them most forcibly in their journey through the country. Looking to the territory, I should certainly answer to such a question, its wide expanse and its abundant resources; but looking to the people, I should say, the absence of pauperism. Nothing is more striking to a European than the universal respectability of appearance of all classes in America. You see no rags, you meet no beggars. In London the painful scenes, whether of real or of fictitious woe, that are encountered at every crossing are in the highest degree distressing. Pauperism pursued the passenger on every pavement. It is to me one of the most distressing reflections of existence, that our great and thriving nation goes on, year after year, increasing the numbers of those who are dependent on private charity for daily food. Whole trades are not able to afford employment to the population of these realms? Why is it that one out of every twenty of our entire population is a pauper? How comes it that our union workhouses, our hospitals and asylums, and charitable institutions of every class, are so full of objects of benevolence, and that yet there is such a superabundance of beggary thronging our streets? Our population does not increase in anything approaching the ratio of the increase of population in the United States; and yet, with us, every branch of labor and business is so overcharged that the introduction of a new hand can only be accomplished by the displacement of an old one. In America, on the contrary, every addition to the population and labor of the country is hailed with satisfaction as an addition to its wealth; no one is without employment, and every one has the means before him of improving his position."

And this paragraph affords the opportunity which Sir Morton promptly improves to administer some excellent advice to the British Government regarding the manner in which it must treat Ireland, if it would bring to a peaceful end the discontent which now and then thr eatens to break out there.

On the whole this volume is a very fair exhibit of the condition and resources of our country, and its inaccuracies of statement are so few and trifling that they would perhaps be overlooked by all save critical readers. If "The Society for the Diffusion of Useful Knowledge" still continues its operations in England, it could do no better service to the common people, and to the higher classes as well, than to see that this work has a wide circulation throughout Great Britain.

Miscellaneous.

Messrs. T. B. Peterson have nearly ready a new work, by Mrs. Henry Wood, entitled "Elsten Folly." It is printed from advance sheets furnished by the author. The same house will also soon issue "A Woman's Thoughts about Women," by the author of "John Halifax;" "Married at Last," by Annie Thomas; "Moreton Hall, or the Spirits of the Haunted House;" "Out of the Depths, the Story of a Woman's Life;" "The Freebooters," by Gustave Aimard; "Story of Elizabeth," by Miss Thackeray, daughter of William M. Thackeray, Esq.; "Fanchon, the Cricket," by George Sand; "The Lady's and Gentleman's Science of Etiquette," or Guide to Perfect Manners in Society, by Count D'Orsay and Countess de Calabrella; "Saratoga in 1787," an Indian Tale of Erontier Life; "The Young Heiress," by Mrs. Trollope; "The White Scalper," by Gustave Aimard; "The Great Van Broek Property," by James A. Maitland; "It May be True," by Mrs. Wood; and "Elsie's Married Life," by Mrs. Mackenzie Daniels.

The Yale *Courant*, a weekly journal published at the College from which it takes its name, has proved so successful that it has determined to extend the sphere of its operations with a view of making it a permanent institution. Its size has been doubled, making it a handsome quarto sheet; and while it will devote itself mainly to chronicling the events that transpire at Yale, it will hereafter endeavor to give briefly items of news regarding other colleges, so as to be the leading organ of these institutions throughout the country. The taste and skill with which the *Courant* has thus far been conducted, promises well for its future.

A correspondent urges the necessity of the compilation of a book of portable dimentions, containing the statistics of the war—the movement of troops, brief accounts of each battle with results in killed and wounded, and points of advantage gained by either army. Both Federal and Confederate movements, numbers engaged, officers in command, and all other points of interest to the general reader, with a reference table, and, if possible, plans of the battle-ground, so that at a glance any information required could be readily obtained. Such a work could easily be compiled from the fuller and more detailed histories of the war and would be exceedingly useful.

A Successful Confidence Game.

From the Peoria Democrat, June 28.

We have just been put in possession of the facts in a case which possesses all the data necessary for a novel, and yet for the good of the gent eman robbed and society generally they are too true. We give the items as they came to us by Mr. Emery himself, and as he is an honest, hard-working farmer, have no doubt but they are strictly true. About the 1st of July, 1864, a squad of gipsies, numbering some ten or fifteen men and women, pitched their tents in Fulton County, near Canton, and gave out that they were moving, but wanted rest, and commenced their usual business of fortune-telling, &c. Among the gulled a gentleman by the name of Augustus Emery, who was generally understood to have large quantities of money. Being a man of delicate health he was called on by the old gipsy woman, who gave her name as Philis Boswell, and was engaged to treat his disease, after her manner of doctoring—continuing to visit him every day or so for some weeks, the patient doing finely, and the doctress growing rapidly in his confidence, and, being an old bachelor, having no wife to confide his bosom secrets to, or expatiate to upon the speculations soon to be made by himself and others—he gave them to his physician. Mr. Emery went to Iowa on a wool buisiness tour, A. C. Babcock furnishing $10,000 and himself $3,000, but finding prices too high, returned, without making any purchases—but while out he learned of a fine speculation in some pasture land, and as Mr. Babcock did not need the money, loaned $5,000 of it to his neighbor Emery. The old woman was very warm, Mr. Emery did not go at once to make the purchase. Of course the doctress was made cognizant of all these facts. About this time Emery having greatly recovered his lost health, he was beset by the healer or his disorder to let her double the amount of cash on hand by certain powers which she possessed. At first he would not bite, but she seized the old woman daily and listening to her many miraculous feats, soon fell a victim and showed the money—counted it in her presence, and then in obedience to her request stepped in an adjoining room to get some paper, leaving the package of greenbacks, $8,542 in the open trunk. On his return with the paper he saw the package of money neatly done up and quietly resting in the corner of the trunk, and was informed by the old woman after her going through certain manœuvres, that in a few days the amount would be doubled, and then they could divide the gain, he taking one-half or two-thirds and she the balance, after complimenting him upon his improvement in health and speedy advance to wealth, and as she had to go to Peoria on business, she would not see him again until Wednesday. This was on Sunday. Things passed off without note until the following Tuesday, when matters weighed heavily upon Mr. Emery's mind. He could no sleep that night; and the following Friday, the last day of July, he opened the trunk to count the gain, when, lo and behold, to his great astonishment, the greenbacks had turned into slips of white paper, and instead of doubling the amount, the $8,642 were gone. Immediately went to Mr. Babcock, made known the facts, and asked for advice. A vigilant Police officer was needed, and Turney English, of Springfield, was sent for and given all the facts. He (English) commenced the hunt for the parties without success, until about the first of the present month, when he found her in company, with her son Seth, in Millersburgh, Bond County, Ill., and arrested them. They were taken to Fulton County, and in default of heavy bail were both lodged in jail to await the coming Court. On the night of the 21st they were brought by Mr. Johnson, Sheriff of Fulton County, to this city on a writ of *habeas corpus*, to be tried before Judge Williamson. On their arrival here they were lodged in the County Jail, and matters not being ready for trial the following day, it was postponed until yesterday, and the prisoners were to remain in the Peoria County Jail until the day of trial arrived, but to please the old woman they were taken back to Fulton County, at her expense, and again brought to this city, arriving here on the evening of the 26th, and instead of putting them in the Sheriff's hands to be locked up safely in the County Jail, they were taken to the calaboose and given to the keeping of the Police. No special orders were given as to the prisoners, and Officer Murray finding them in the cell, seized how they came there, and if the old woman did not want some breakfast. Being informed by her that she was here for no offence, and that she was very hungry, he went for some breakfast, leaving the door unlocked, and on his return found them gone. This we give as given to us by Murray, and up to present writing no word has been heard of the prisoners. About 6 o'clock yesterday morning an Irish woman, about 40 years old, called at the afetropolitan Hotel for Mr. Shoaff, the attorney engaged in the defence, stating that Mrs. Boswell wished to see him. Mr. Shoaff called and saw her, but whether he saw the prisoners or not we cannot say. The clerk of the hotel informed us that an old woman and man, answering their description, were soon afterward seen by him sitting in the hotel office on a trunk. The above are the principal facts, as we got them from the parties, and if there was not bribery going on, there was certainly a most careless set of officials on watch.

A Frog Found Imbedded in Solid Limestone.—A regular pond-frog was discovered on the 13th, in the middle of a large stone, at Springfield, Ky. The stone was a piece of solid old blue limestone, which the correspondents of the Louisville *Courier*, from whose letter we condense this statement, says is the oldest stratum that crops out in the State. The writer adds that the frog began to give signs of life as soon as the breaking of the rock let in the air. In a short time he seemed sprightly and wide awake, but soon began to show signs of excitement and pain. He was then placed in a small glass jar, which was loosely corked. In this placed he lived until Sunday night, June 17.—*Cincinnati Gazette, June 27.*

OUR FOREIGN FILES.

Women's Rights in England.

From the London Saturday Review.

Mr. Mill has asked for a return of the number of persons, otherwise qualified, who are excluded from the franchise by reason of their sex. Thus, if the question of Reform should be finally settled in the present session, there will still be a wide field for the efforts of determined radicals. Neither Mr. Bright nor any other living man need fear that all ground for agitation will be cut away from beneath their feet. Most of the old rhetorical effects will continue to be available with very trifling modifications. The orators will only have to substitute woman for working-man in their songs of panegyric; the great "flesh and blood" argument, and all the disquisition made upon the many virtues of their clients, will come out even more brilliantly than before, and some at least of the adverse arguments will be far weaker. The privileges of men are not yet endangered by any combinations analogous to trades-unions among the weaker sex; it may rather be doubted whether women can combine at all; women would be less accessible than men to public-house influences, and not more accessible to bribery. In fact, it would be easy to make out a case for women's franchise which should be what is called logically unanswerable—that is, unanswerable so long as you attend to only one set of considerations—and which should afford most inviting topics for eloquent declamation. At the same time no one supposes that women will ever have votes until that distant epoch when the dreams of philosophers shall take form and substance, and when Mr. Hare's scheme shall be considered a model of clearness and simplicity. Most people are therefore content to oppose to women's advocates the indifference or absolute incredulity. A smile does as well as an argument in discussions so remote from reality, and is a far more irritating, because apparently an unfair, weapon. You cannot argue with us, say the enthusiasts, and therefore you sneer at us; and various remarks follow as to the laughter which received Columbus and Adam Smith, and sundry other names kept in stock to point a paragraph. Laughter, however, although not a conclusive argument, is not without some logical force. If an arrangement strikes ninety-nine out of a hundred persons as supremely ludicrous, there is probably some real incongruity in the plan itself, and not merely in the way in which it strikes the minds of the hearers. The fact of the irresistible explosion of laughter, like any other material fact, has to be accounted for; yet, on the other hand, it is difficult for the laughers to say what is the precise aspect in which the proposed plan tickles their fancies so much, in order that the wheat and the chaff may not be blown away together. Ridicule is a most effective way of winnowing sense and nonsense, but it may, of course, be somewhat indiscriminating.

Assuming, then, that it is very difficult to hear of women voting without smiling more or less in our sleeves, according as we feel more or less respect for the upholders of the right, we admit that we should try to show them the point of the joke. This is always a difficult task. Providence has armed the introducers of new schemes with a good thick skin, as impenetrable to humor as the hide of a rhinoceros to small shot. Unluckily, this gift has been bestowed upon the zealots of bad causes as well as good. Mr. Whalley denounces the phantoms of his own eccentric imagination as impertinbably as genuine philanthropists ever attacked the abominations of the slave-trade. The true pachydermatous fanatic, whether in a good or bad cause, looks upon all employment of ridicule against his crotchets as a sin; it is buffoonery in the sanctuary, and jesting among the prophets. It will, perhaps, therefore be the safest course first to explain what there is in the claims of the advocates of women's rights which does not generally strike reasonable people as absurd. Then it is undeniable that an improved treatment of women has been the natural result of improved civilization, and that even the lowest ranks are gradu lly becoming ashamed of the simple government by physical force which was once universal. Before long, it will be very generally thought improper to beat one's wife with a poker. Nor would it be easy to deny that the social position of women is capable of a good deal of improvement. Women, for example, in the higher classes scarcely receive anything like a serious education. They are taught a certain number of acts for catching husbands, but an infinitesimal quantity of solid knowledge; and they especially have no training to correspond to the intellectual gymnastics practiced by their brothers at the Universities. Whenever female education is seriously improved, their relations to society must be somewhat modified. It is probable enough that they will show capabilities which are now manifested only in exceptional cases, and that they will be able to clear certain paths which are at present closed to them. No one will pretend to deny that, under the present constitution of society, a good deal of power runs to waste which we may in time learn to employ more effectively. Perhaps it may appear, though the question is as yet undecided, that women may be fit to stand by the side of men in some departments of life in which their inferiority has been hitherto assumed. Every legitimate attempt to cultivate their talents to better purpose, or to find new employment for those which they plainly possess, is deserving of all encouragement, and some of these attempts may probably prove successful.

But it is a very wide step from these harmless premises to the conclusion that women should be at once put in possession of political privileges. Even if it were plainly a desirable consummation at some ideal stage of progress, throwing people into deep water is not always the best way of teaching them to swim; and plunging women into the midst of election squabbles might not be the best way of inducting a taste for politics. It is rather difficult to speculate upon the probable results, but two or three guesses may be ventured. Thus, we might anticipate the growth of an entirely new set of agitators. The popular preacher of the district would exercise a tremendous influence. The clergy of the Church of England are excluded at present from Parliamentary ambition; but gentlemen in the enviable position of Mr. Spurgeon could hardly restrain the enthusiasm of their female admirers. That zeal which finds an inadequate vent in the shape of slippers and testimonials would result in manufacturing votes. Most men have a covert conviction that their spiritual adviser is decidedly their inferior in all secular matters; whenever he travels beyond his assigned limits, he is treated with a benevolent contempt, as some counterpoise to his professional claims to superiority. The uncompromising zeal of feminine admirers knows no such bounds. They would be indeed that most charming rhetoric of the pulpit would infuse a higher tone into Parliamentary discussions; and from those boroughs where women were in the majority we should have clerical duplicates of Mr. Whalley and members sent to denounce Popery or to advocate the use of becoming vestments. Politics would, of course, retire a good deal into the background, and the Conservatives would probably benefit by the change more than their opponents. Women are decidedly aristocratic in their preferences. At Melbourne, the only place where the experiment has been tried, it is said that the most educated and gentleman-like candidates had a decided advantage. A good-looking, well-dressed nobleman, with correct Church principles, would be irresistible. The female sympathy for a gallant officer who had shed his blood in his country's service would overpower mere party prejudices. The sentimental style of oratory would put to flight cold-blooded common sense. Mr. Ruskin has lately informed us that, if the ladies of Europe would only wear mourning, no war would be possible. If he meant to infer that their not wearing mourning was a proof that they did not care about war, the argument was obviously unfair; because their neglect of the plan suggested may show rather that they are too sensible to believe in its efficacy, than that they are anxious for the end to be attained. But we should certainly feel less confidence in the preservation of peace if female public opinion was to be invoked. Women would be a great deal more sensible to the romance of fighting, and much more indifferent to its effect upon commerce, than the present constituencies. The Southern Confederacy, or the Poles, or the Italians, or any oppressed nationality with a picturesque tendency to beards, would have irresistible attractions, and the price of the lunds would be nobly disregarded. If women had votes, it has been truer said, it would be hard to resist the claims of women to seats in Parliament; perhaps, how ever, it is a safer opinion that they would scarcely get there by the votes of their own sex. The strong-minded female is, if anything, less repulsive to men than to women. Women are generally the most bigoted opponents of women's rights; if the claims are oppressive, they are at least apt to hug them themselves. A more difficult problem is the effect upon the purity of our elections. On the one hand, no one can say that male voters are more indifferent than their wives to the charms of money—unless where the love of women and of money is equally developed perhaps an average ton-pounder is rather more indifferent to any other consideration, and more gloriously unsusceptible of enthusiasm than his female relatives. Moreover, the married part of the fair sex is quite capable of taking its fair share in the business of electoral corruption under present arrangements; "Conservative" wives and daughters know how to form a very convenient screen in the transactions of little pecuniary settlements. On the other hand, it may be said that, if women have a weakness, it consists in a deficiency in any sense of political justice. No logic will convince a woman that she is doing wrong in acting on the sacrifice of purity in the interests of a personal friend. A lady is never a radical by nature, but she often calls herself one, out of compliment to her husband, or brother, or son; and, if she saw that it was for his interest to change her politics, she would do so without compunction. In the higher classes, the inducement might come in the shape of a place, or, in the lower, of a five-pound note; but in any case it would take a long time to teach women in general that such a quality as political consistency has any real claims to consideration.

On Mr. Lowe's theory that the merit of a system of government is to be judged of simply by its practical results, there seem to be few arguments for throwing power into the hands of the sex which habitual y substitutes sentiment for reason—reason being, on the whole, desirable in politics. But the change, so far as it is not advocated on obedience to a mere *a priori* theory, is of course advocated with a view chiefly to its reflex action upon the female constituencies. It is supposed to provide a practical education for their benefit. From this point of view one cannot help asking whether the dirty work of elections is really so ennobling in itself. It has to be gone through, because it is the only way in which different classes can exercise an influence upon the Government; but, even for men, it is not in itself very refining or elevating. No one would wish to see a female edition of the Nottingham lambs, and even where the art of rowdyism has not reached such perfection, the amusement is scarcely feminine. Canvassing is not bed fun, but it is a rather rough sort of fun. Committee-rooms and public meetings and open public-houses and paid messengers are doubtless excellent symptoms of the vitality of the British Constitution, but they are not specially suited to women. It may possibly be that, as women take a higher place in society, they will begin to address mobs from the windows of inns, and to collect in stormy meetings, and to canvass for votes in taprooms, and to cover walls with placards about their own virtues and their neighbors' vices. No doubt they will throw a good deal of spirit into the work when we don't want to pin them into it pecuniarily; it might rub off a little of certain delicacy, which runs to philosophers is not without its charms, if they take up such employments before they have been case-hardened by a lower education, and perhaps even the advocates of women's rights will pardon us for suggesting that another solution of the question is possible. Women may surely improve, and may even become, if that shall prove to be possible, the equals of the rougher sex, without taking up identically the same employments. We don't wish to see women asserting their privileges by ploughing in the fields or preaching in the pulpits; and perhaps they may be content to leave political struggles, which after all are hardly the highest employment of the human intellect, to those whom Providence has provided with a cuticle of coarser texture. There is a good deal to be done which men cannot do, in the way of educating the rising generation, and even in the way of producing many of the finer kinds of literature, without crowding them out of the hustings and the polling-booth. In short, a division of labor may prove to be more philosophical than a confusion of the sexes in employments for which they are not equally adapted by nature.

With Opium to Hong-Kong.

From All the Year Round.

In the Indian cold season—that is, from the 1st of December to the 1st of March—the voyage from Calcutta to Hong-Kong is delightful as far as Singapore. Looking down one calm cool morning over the ship's side into the streaks and eddies of the transparent sea, I was startled during a voyage thither by the sudden appearance of a dead Chinaman's face, as the body floated with the ebb tide, slowly turning, along the vessel's counter. It was the face of a man in the prime of life and the best of health. An old salt who had had much experience among Chinamen, and who was standing by my side, observed thoughtfully:

"He's been a winning at the dice, ye see, and when they got him to the water-side, they fetched him handsome over the afterpart of his skull with a thick stick, and took his money, and knew him in, and that makes no marks, ye see." And in this way many a gambler meets with his end, without detection of the guilty against whom their countrymen will not, when they can, give evidence. The police force at Pinang would be no match for the Chinese in any very serious affray, but the magistrate can easily and promptly procure the aid of any number of Malays from Wellesley province, and these people would eagerly obey an order to kill every Celestial in the country.

It is scarcely possible to conceive anything more beautiful than this entrance to Singapore harbor. The ship glides in between islets and little hills clothed in verdant forest, fringed by a clean sandy beach, and backed by lofty mountains. Each island is contained in a park of detached villas and some houses, including a good church. These buildings, embowered in trees, sweep round along the curve of the harbor, and are ended by Government House, an imposing edifice in beautiful grounds, crowning the end of the high land, which in gentle undulations descends sideways to the water's edge. The houses of the merchants, government officers, and private individuals, are scattered all round the suburbs, in fine airy situations. The grounds and gardens are exceedingly tasteful, and kept in admirable order; and the raised background of the China or dwarf bamboo, and trees of elegant and varied foliage, are kept carefully in the best repair. A large body of the convicts, some 3,000 in number, enables the municipality to preserve the communications throughout the station in thorough order. About a mile and a half's drive along this pleasant suburb brings the visitor to the public gardens, which, though new, are very pretty, and only need the ripening of time to make them still more delightful. To any one who has been long resident in India, the exquisite neatness of the lawns and paths is a new and welcome sight, and although there are very few flowers in the Singapore gardens which are not cultivated in Bengal, here they are larger and more brilliant, so that the Singapore gardens are more beautiful than those of Calcutta. Among the houses facing the outer harbor, which command a full view of it, and all day enjoy the refreshing breeze of the sea, is a very comfortable family hotel, kept by an enterprising Frenchman. The compound in the rear contains a detached building for bachelors on one side, and a another for the table d'hote in the opposite quarter. This hotel appears to fill well. The passenger-traffic between Europe and the southeastern archipelago is rapidly increasing, and English, French, Dutch and Portuguese from and to Batavia, Borneo, Manilla and Sumatra, have to wait at Singapore for the smaller steamers to convey them to their destinations, or for the large Peninsular and Imperial Messageries ships from Hong Kong, as the case may be. Besides these, numerous young clerks and assistants in counting-houses take up their permanent abode in the hotel, and help to increase the crowd at the table d'hote, which is capable of accommodating about sixty. The fare is good, and served in a style half French and half English. About twenty Chinese lads, clean and well dressed, fly about, serving the dinner with great briskness, while the master of the hotel stands at a side-table with a couple of assistants, carving for his customers. Fish in great variety and of excellent quality, poultry, game, chief meats, beef being scarce and poor, and mutton, as in Penang and throughout Burmah, procured from Calcutta at an extravagant price. European vegetables do not thrive nor are there any fine fruits, with the exception of pineapple and the deliciously refreshing mangosteen. But the steamers—and the opinion comes from Calcutta men—the Peninsular and Oriental ships from Galle—afford but scanty leisure for a survey of Singapore. In twenty-four or thirty hours the traveler has to proceed on his voyage to Hong-Kong.

The first indication of the coast of China is usually the sight of numerous fishing-junks, in pairs, towing between them large trawl-nets, and beating steadily up to windward. The ease and safety with which these odd-looking vessels ride over the tumultuous seas is beautiful to see, and the intrepid fellows who manage them come fearlessly out 500 miles from land. They are pirates, and whenever they have opportunity attack and plunder the small junks and lorchas of the coasting-trade. The first land seen, as we near Hong-Kong, is the southernmost of a series of barren rocky islets, on which the heavy rollers break with a loud roar. The sea-birds breed upon these rocks, and among them may be seen, but rarely, the only species of albatross which ventures north of the equator—Diomedea brachyura of Temminck. Increasing in size northwards, the rocks attain the size of rugged lofty islands, and encircling Hong-Kong—itself an island—on the south and west, incloses a tolerably smooth and land-locked harbor.

Hong-Kong is, in its own way, as beautiful a port as Singapore. The town is built of white granite laid out in regular streets, which rise in terraces one above another. It spreads over a considerable portion of the southern face of the island, and, standing, as it does, before a background of rugged mountains, is carried down to the water's edge, the strand being faced by a fine stone wall or quay for its whole length. The harbor is generally full of shipping—merchant vessels of all nations, and French, English, American and Russian men-of-war. Between these glide all the day long boats of all patterns, junks and sampans. Those belonging to the counting-houses and offices in the street are manned at night by Indian Sepoys, upon regular duties built into the quay wall—an admirable idea, which I have not seen followed in any other port. Chinese boatmen and boatwomen with their families live and sleep in their boats, have been so often described that I will say no more about them here except to express an opinion that the Chinese mode of handling their boats does not seem to be duly appreciated. There is no craft in the world easier and handier than a Chinese sampan, which has no more grace in its outlines than a butcher's tray. The boatman, who stands and rows facing forwards, can twist and turn it in ways not to be attempted by our

gage his men only for the voyage out, and discharges them in the foreign port. There harpies seize them, and after a career of a month's brutal poisoning by drugged liquors, malaria and syphilis, they find a hospital bed and a premature grave. Government is taking steps to amend all this, and a little has been done. A fine Seafarers' Home is raising itself beside the shipping, though, strange to say, the rich shipowners who trade with Calcutta have refused to increase its accommodation, so that there is only room for a hundred men. A place has been marked off under the windows of the Viceroy's palace for their recreation, and there when in Calcutta the Viceroy may have often been seen among the sailors. The merchants and the officials of Calcutta have subscribed liberally, not only to the home, but to the many charitable societies which have long existed for the Christian poor. There is no such liberality in any class anywhere among Anglo-Indians. But the extent of the poverty and the crime has exceeded the powers of a small and willing community, even with the assistance of small grants from Government. It is worse in Bombay, for that is far behind Calcutta and Madras in its public benevolent and educational institutions, and the leaky ships that of late increased there with alarming rapidity for strangers' profit society was lately established there. At a late meeting, at which the Governor presided, the report urged deportation to the colonies or England as the only effectual remedy. This was proposed and earnestly urged by Sir W. MANSFIELD when Commander-in-chief there. He would have forced every person who had employed a loafer to pay his passage out of the country. He forgot that the army or Government is itself one of the three great sources of the evil, the shipping and railways being the other two. Deportation, we fear, is impossible if the men refuse to go, as is so often the case. Madras has its "Monegar Choultry" for the native poor, and its Friend in Need Society for Christians. Lord NAPIER presided at the last meeting, which was addressed by the leading judges, barristers, and merchants. So rapid is the increase of pauperism, even in little Madras, that the meeting resolved to try only once more the voluntary system of appealing to each Christian resident to contribute for the relief of the poor before applying for the introduction of a compulsory poor rate. Poverty is growing at so rapid a rate, in spite of all, that medical men have recently implored Government to establish a poor law. And to this, I believe, it must come. I dare not here describe the crime and vice which are the result of the poverty. Assault, murder, rape, seduction, adultery, and moral piggishness, with which I cannot pollute my pen, are ever before the Police Courts of the three presidencies. The hideous refinement and brutalities of vice in an Oriental city are fortunately little known further east than the Levant. They flourish here till one wonders whether, after all, there are not circumstances in which Christian over-civilization is a curse. I dwell on this not merely to show the moral responsibility we lie under in India to people of our own faith and flesh and blood. More proportionally is done to act up to that responsibility by Christians here than in perhaps any other part of the world; and no city in India is fortunately a tenth part so bad as Alexandria, for instance. But think of the political effect on the natives around, taught previous to 1857 to believe that every Englishman who was not a soldier was a great and mighty Sahib, with intelligence, wealth, and respectability.

Rifled Guns vs. Turret Ships.

The London *Times* gives the following statement of the great duel between the 12½-ton 9-inch rifled naval service gun, with its enormous steel bolt and powder charge, and the after (single gun) turret of the *Royal Sovereign*, on Friday:

"No. 1 shot, conoidal-headed, steel shot, 246 pounds; powder charge, 43 pounds; distance from gun to target, 200 yards; target mark, a black ball on a white ground, close to and on the right of the gunport. The shot struck the edge of the plating next the gun port, broke away a jagged piece, 12 inches in diameter, from the outer or 5½-inch armor-plate, bent back and fractured the inner or 7½-inch plate, bulged in the wooden backing or inner skin, and passed into the turret, smashing the wooden skeleton gun (mounted in lieu of the service gun, which had been removed) into a thousand splinters, but falling on the floor of the turret two-thirds broken up, and without doing any interior damage to the turret. Three nuts and bolt ends were broken off the massive "marriage" ring which runs round the turret's top, and to which the plates are bolted, by the shock of the shot's impact. None of the cross battens were disturbed, nor was any of the water split out of the seamen's mess basins, placed on the turret floor—thus proving the turret was immovable under the tremendous shock to which it had been subjected. After the turret had been thoroughly examined the winch handles were replaced to ascertain if any of the machinery was disarranged, when it was found that three men could rotate the turret as freely in every respect as before it was fired at.

No. 2 shot, conoidal-headed steel shot, 250 pounds; powder charge, 43 pounds; distance from gun to target, 200 yards; target mark on the quarter-circle face of the turret away from the gunport, where the armor plating was confined to the 5½-inch plate alone, in a line with the winches which revolved the turret, and decidedly on the turret's weakest part. This shot struck at the junction of two plates and drove in the pieces 12 inches into the backing, about 12 inches from the upper edge of the plate struck. Here the shot turned upward and remained lodged in the wooden backing, the head of the shot just showing itself at the upper edge of the turret in the wood backing behind the armor plate. Seven more bolt ends and nuts were broken off the marriage rings by the impact of this shot, and seven smaller nuts in other parts of the inner skin of the turret were also broken off. One part next to the one struck was started outward 8 inches; in fact, all the plates the upper fastenings of which were loosened by the flying off of their bolt-tails and nuts were started more or less. The winches were again manned, and the turret again found to move as free in every respect.

No. 3 shot, conoidal-headed steel shot, 250 pounds; powder charge, 43-pounds; distance, 160 yards; target mark on the ship's deck, 8 feet from the side of the turret, the angle of fire being nearly horizontal. A magnificent shot, striking on the chalk mark. This shot merely scored the deck and upper collar plating up to the face of the turret, where it "gouged" out a piece of the armor plating, 17 inches long by 9 inches wide, and 3½ inches in depth. No other damage was done, and the turret still revolved as freely as on the first day it was fitted. This concluded the experiments.

The important fact, therefore, now remains as the result of this somewhat costly trial that, drawing an inference from yesterday's trial, no amount of pounding from shot could possibly disturb the equilibrium of the *Royal Sovereign's* turret's base, and that if the whole exposed portion had been shot away, the base with its turntable and revolving machinery would still remain absolutely perfect. There are errors of construction in the *Royal Sovereign* which may be remedied in future, with other turret ships, such, for instance, as the want of a tie collar, or ring of metal, round the outer face of the turret at the upper edge, to prevent the plates from falling outward when their fastenings are loosened, as also leaving the bolt tails and nuts without any over-lining, and thus turning them into grapeshot when the turret is struck by heavy missiles. The success of the turret of the *Royal Sovereign* over the 12½ ton gun is immense in its importance for many reasons, and it also proves conclusively by the deck shot the value of curved or deflective surfaces in warding off shot, be it from wood or from iron. All honor, therefore, to Capt. COLES for his persistent advocacy of a system of mounting ordnance on board a ship that will at any rate add a power to our fleet of iron-clads equivalent in nature and force to the siege artillery of an army before the famous Venetian Quadrilateral.

The United States Naval Squadron at Queenstown.

Correspondence of the London Times.

QUEENSTOWN, Sunday, June 17.

Last evening there steamed into the harbor three American men-of-war, which were received with the ordinary conveyances. They consist of the *Augusta*, Commander MURRAY; the *Ashuelot*, Commander FABARGER; both paddle steamers, of 10 guns, and the monitor *Miantonomah*. The last, of course, has concentrated upon her all the interest and curiosity of the public. There are at present lying in our harbor two of the finest specimens of the British unarmored fleet, the *Black Prince* and the ram *Achilles*. Both these differ in very material respects from ordinary vessels, but the variation is not very palpable in their outward form. The stranger from across the Atlantic is like nothing that has been hitherto famillar to these waters. She is not only destitute of spars and rigging, but her hull at a little distance seems so low as barely to mark a line upon the water. With her broad flat base and her confused superstructure of turrets, funnel and hurricane deck, she might very well pass for a novel description of dredging-machine.

The *Miantonomah* is a new ship, having been only completed last autumn, and her present voyage is mainly designed to test her sea-going qualities. By those on board the trial seems be regarded as a perfect success. She has come hither from New-York, having called at Halifax and at St. John's, Newfoundland, and from the last port she has made the voyage in five days ten hours. Crossing the Bay of Fundy she encountered weather which, without amounting to a gale, was considered very boisterous, but she rode through it easily. On the voyage to Queenstown the indicator marked no greater rolling than seven degrees, while two degrees is stated to be the average.

Her paddlewheel consorts, on the other hand, rolled to a maximum of 30 and 24 degrees respectively. The speed she attained was respectable, and, considering her build, rather surprising. When leaving St. John's she drew 15ft. 10in. water, having on board 350 tons coal in her bunkers, 20 tons in a crib on deck, and about 20 tons in bags in the turrets. With this quantity on board economy was considered necessary. At full speed her consumption of coal would be 40 tons per 24 hours, but, to spare fuel, she was not driven, and was even run at low speed sometimes. Her average, therefore, was about seven knots an hour. Her maximum speed would be about nine. She has brought with her 50 tons of her stores, and has lightened by about that quantity. Instead of being considered necessary, at

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WINTER GARDEN.
Broadway, between Bleecker and Amity sts.
THIS EVENING, commencing at 7½ o'clock, PO-CA-HON-TAS; Or, YE GENTLE SAVAGE. Principal characters by John Brougham and Miss Emily Melville.

NIBLO'S GARDEN.
Broadway, between Prince and Houston sts.
THIS EVENING, commencing at 8 o'clock, THE GOLDEN EGG and THE SECRET MARRIAGE. THE THREE FLYING TRAPEZE.

WALLACK'S THEATRE.
Broadway, corner 13th-st.
THIS EVENING, commencing at 8 o'clock, IRELAND AS IT WAS and HANDY ANDY. Characters by Dan Bryant, Miss Rose Cooke, and other members of the Company.

OLYMPIC THEATRE.
Broadway, between Houston and Bleecker sts.
THIS EVENING, commencing at 7½ o'clock, AURORA FLOYD. Mrs. Emily Jordan, Miss Kate Newton, Mrs. Saunders, Mrs. Bland, Messrs. Frank Lawlor, Geo. H. Clarke, A. W. Fenno, Wallis, Ward, Whiting, &c.

NEW BOWERY THEATRE.
Bowery, between Canal and Hester sts.
THIS EVENING, BATTLE OF THE AMAZONS and THE WATCHERS AND THE QUEEN OF FLOWERS. Cast by the company.

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AFTERNOON, at 2; EVENING, at 7½, SHE WOULD BE A SOLDIER. Carolina Twins, Living African Lions, Dwarfs, Giantess, Fat Boy, 100,000 Curiosities.

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NEWS OF THE DAY.

GENERAL NEWS.

At the celebration yesterday at Philadelphia, Major-Gen. MEADE was presented by the Union League of that city with a good medal. The medal is composed of the finest gold, and weighs one pound and a half. On the obverse side is a finely executed head of the hero of Gettysburg. Surrounding the head is inscribed in Roman letters letters, "July 4, 1865. To Major-Gen. MEADE, by the Union League of Philadelphia, as a token of the gratitude of his countrymen." On the reverse side is an elaborate artistic design, surrounded with the words: "The victor of Gettysburgh, the deliverer of our State, the faithful soldier of our country."

The Richmond papers contain accounts of an affray on Sunday morning last between the boys of Rocketts and those of Chimborazo Hill. The Rocketts boys, composed mainly of whites, charged the Chimborazo boys, who were mostly negroes, and were driving them up the hill near Griffin's Spring, when, according to the *Enquirer's* report, a party of negro men opened a rapid fire of pistols and musketry upon the charging party. A shot struck a young man in the left breast, inflicting a mortal wound, and others are reported wounded.

Gen. JORDON, chief editor of the Memphis *Appeal*, has challenged M. A. GALLOWAY, of the *Avalanche*, to mortal combat. The challenge was accepted, and the parties repaired to Hernando, Mississippi, where both were arrested and placed under bonds. It is thought the parties will go to Arkansas to settle the difficulty. The challenge originated from Col. GALLOWAY writing a severe attack against Col. JORDON, on account of an article written by the latter to *Harper's Weekly*, in which JORDON blamed JEFF. DAVIS for the failure of the Confederacy.

Brig.-Gen. ADAMS, Capt. VAN PELT and Capt. JENKS, all of the Union Army, who have been cultivating a plantation on the Mississippi River, were recently attacked in their beds by a band of ruffians, and robbed of a large amount of money and many valuables. Others of the band in the meantime busied themselves in killing the stock in the barn, which being discovered by the negroes on the plantation, a fight ensued, in which five of the negroes were killed. The robbers succeeded in burning the outbuildings, including the cotton gin and engines.

The steamer *Only Chance*, from Fort Benton, June 15, arrived at St. Joseph on Saturday last, with $85,000 in gold dust. Three thousand hostile Indians were encamped within fifteen miles of the Fort, and small parties of warriors were seen on the road daily, but no depredations had been committed. Rich diggings had been discovered at Deer Creek, Bear Creek and Deep Creek, two hundred miles from Fort Benton. At the latter diggings four men took out $2,000 in one day.

The prospects for a famine in the Western States are poor. The Cincinnati *Gazette* says that in Indiana the wheat is not good, but the corn is wonderfully fine. Thousands of bushels of potatoes have been planted and are doing well. Oats—a fair crop. In Illinois wheat (Spring) is excellent; corn splendid; fruit, an average crop, and farmers are in fine spirits. There is no danger of a scarcity if the weather continues favorable. The hay prospect is fair.

A new edifice is to be erected for the Congregational Seminary of Chicago. It will cost about $100,000, and will have a front of one hundred and fifty-five feet. It will have a chapel, library and lecture room attached, and there will be sleeping rooms for one hundred and six students.

The Vermont Central Railroad is building a new station at Burlington, which will cost $50,000. It will front on Lake Champlain, and will be one of the finest structures of the kind in the country. Its dimensions are 204 feet by 128, and it will have two towers 72 feet in height.

New-Orleans papers record the sale of the residence of Mr. SHEPARD BROWN of that city. It was the most expensive dwelling in the city of New-Orleans, having cost $76,000 in gold before the war; it sold for $45,000, currency.

GEORGE PEABODY, it is said, has Yale College next on his list of endowments. He is to commence next Spring the erection of a building for a geographical cabinet, with ample accommodations for a chemical laboratory and philosophical lecture room.

It is said that, upon consultation with Gov. ORR, Gen. SICKLES has disapproved the issue of rations to white people in South Carolina, on the ground of exaggerated reports and the danger of promoting idleness.

Hon B. GRATZ BROWN, United States Senator from Missouri, announces that he is not a candidate for reelection to the Senate. Ill health, and a desire to leave the political arena, are the motives which induce him to take this step.

Mr. JAMES SHEA, a rich old bachelor of St. Louis, died recently, leaving the bequest of $180,000 to the Hospital of the Sisters of Charity, in that city, in which institution, when poor and friendless, he had received medical care and nursing.

The Rutland (Vt.) *Herald* says that BRADFORD GODFREY, of Bennington, committed suicide by shooting himself in his house on the 2d inst. Mr. GODFREY was respected in the community in which he lived, and no cause for the suicide is known.

A dispatch to the Cincinnati *Gazette* says that at Memphis, on Sunday, a colored woman was allowed to kneel at the altar of Grace Episcopal Church, between two whites, and partake of the sacrament from the same bread and wine. It created a sensation.

A messenger boy employed in one of the Chicago banking houses was recently robbed in the street of $10,000, which he was taking to the Fifth National Bank. No clue to the money has yet been discovered.

Five fresco painters fell by the giving way of a staging in St. Stephen's Church at Boston, on Monday, and one of them, JULIUS FORBES, was probably fatally injured.

AUSTIN HOPKINS, a soldier whose mind had never recovered from the effects of his life at the Andersonville Prison, committed Suicide at Woonsocket, R. I., on Monday night.

Governor R. M. PATTON, of Alabama, is at St. Louis to negotiate State bonds for $50,000, the money to be used for the succor of poor and destitute families of Alabama.

The hotels at the White Mountains are filling up rapidly. The Profile House had three hundred guests on Sunday morning, among whom was Major-Gen. MITCHELL.

The Presidency of the Vermont University at Burlington has been offered to Prof. S. G. BROWN, of Dartmouth College.

It is stated that Prof. AGASSIZ and his wife will sail from Rio de Janeiro for home on the July steamer.

LOCAL NEWS.

JOHN FOULKES, a policeman at Melrose, was murdered yesterday by a man named COOK, while trying to settle a difficulty between COOK and some ball-players who had been trespassing on his (COOK'S) lots. The offender was arrested.

The National Club of Washington were beaten in a game of ball at Morrisania yesterday, by the Union Club of that place, by a score of 22 to 8.

In the return game between the Active Club of New-York, and the Enterprise Club of Brooklyn, yesterday, the former were successful; score 29 to 26.

The Military Situation in Germany.

We presume the future historian will date the opening of this great war from the entry of the Prussians into Holstein, and the consequent retreat of the weak Austrian force before superior numbers. This at once consolidated Prussian power in the north. It bound, for the present, the Elbe Duchies firmly to Prussia, and it left to the two Mecklenburgs, wedged in between Brandenburg and Holstein, no other alternative but close alliance, if not actual incorporation with Prussia. This was the easier, as the feeling, both of the people and sovereigns of Strehlitz and Schwerein, favored such a course. But it also isolated the three Hanseatic Cities — Hamburg, Lubeck and Bremen—from any support of the Bund; and though their quota in men for the army is rather insignificant, the maritime, commercial and financial aid they might have rendered, would not have been inconsiderable. Thus Prussia, with one quick stroke of sound military policy, fortified herself in the north—an accomplishment that under less skillful treatment could have been achieved only at the cost of war.

In the west and south Prussia has acted with equal vigor, and so far with equal success. The Diet, on the 14th of June, having voted the mobilization of the Federal army, Prussia at once declared the Confederation dissolved; made known its purpose to consider all the States that voted in favor of the proposition as enemies of Prussia unless they speedily refuse to arm and would at once proclaim neutrality; and as none of the Powers concerned acceded to this demand of Prussia, she began her movements, and on the 16th Prussian armies entered Hanover, Electorate Hesse and Saxony. This was a bold move, but well conceived and well carried out. It did for Prussia in the west what her occupation of Holstein had done for her in the north—it consolidated her power in that direction. Looking at the map, it will be seen that between the eastern half of Prussia and Westphalia and the Rhine Provinces, her western dependencies, the Kingdom of Hanover, the Electorate of Hesse and Ducal Hesse, stretch from north to south, from the North Sea down to near Frankfort-on-the-Main. Their adhering to the Diet broke the continuity of the Prussian line, for offence as well as defence—would have completely isolated her possessions on the Rhine, and exposed her to attack from the armies of the Bund on the lower Elbe, thus threatening to cut her off again from Holstein, and nullify all the benefits she had obtained by its occupation. This was surely danger enough to be averted by quick and bold action. Hence, without giving the Diet time to move its armies, or even to concentrate them for the present defence of these States and ulterior offensive purposes, Prussia occupied Hanover and Cassel, and, after a short fight, Darmstadt also.

By this Prussia, as a result of but a two day's campaign, has sole possession and control of Northern Germany from the Belgian to the Russian frontier, and as far south as her armies have advanced—a result the importance of which, considering it in a military point of view, can hardly be overestimated. Prussia now presents an unbroken line to her adversaries toward the south, just as in the beginning of our own war the South presented an unbroken line to the North from the Atlantic to the Mississippi. That there is great advantage in this, no one can deny; but wherein some of its advantages lie we will presently see.

The simultaneous movement into Saxony sprang from different motives, and was undertaken for a different object. The occupation of Hanover and the two Hesses, though apparently an offensive advance, was, in reality, a defensive one, as we have shown, in order to protect the western provinces and the northern frontier of Prussia from attack. The march to Dresden is the great offensive move in Prussian strategy, though it may appear to be to some extent a defensive one, that is, undertaken with a view to prevent the Austrians from holding Dresden and Leipsic, and thence threaten Magdeburg and Berlin on one side and Breslau and Posen on the other. It is undoubtedly intended to attack the Austrians on their line from Karlsback to Pardubitz in Bohemia, and probably has been attempted ere this. The Austrian cantonments are said to extend all along the Bohemian and Silesian frontier, reaching up to Cracow. This would give us the left wing of BENEDEK'S army in the valley of the Elbe. Should the Prussians defeat him there, they might, as we used to say in our own war, "double him up," that is, drive his left wing east, back upon his right in Moravia and Austrian Silesia, break his communication with Bavaria, and compel him to leave an open road down into the heart of Austria. A heavy diversion in Silesia and even in Austrian Poland, by the Prussian forces, might be calculated upon to employ all the hostile troops there, preventing them from succoring BENEDEK'S left in Bohemia, and thus bring success to the plan. That some such, or a similar operation, is contemplated by the Prussians we think we can gather from their recent movements.

So far, then, as we have seen, the Prussians have been fully successful. But there are some disadvantages connected with the positions they have gained which we ought not to overlook. It will be remembered that the first successful campaign against the South was planned upon the idea that to break the line of an enemy you must strike it perpendicularly at one point. The capture of Forts Donelson and Henry followed, and the South not only never regained the loss, but from that time was completely crippled in the West. Now the Prussian line extends from Koblenz, on the Rhine, over Giesen, Dresden, into Silesia, ending at Oderberg; it is almost a straight line, extending over the whole of Germany. It is too long for both offensive and defensive purposes. It is the same mistake the South made in the beginning, when they attempted to do too much.

We already see a powerful Federal army around Frankfort to attack the Prussians at Giesen and Wetzlar. Should the Prussians be defeated, their line would be broken and all the benefits gained by the occupation of Hanover in imminent danger. A defeat near Frankfort would compel a retreat along the whole line and necessitate the evacuation of Saxony, just as the defeat at Fort Donelson compelled the Southerners to evacuate Columbus and give up their hold on the Mississippi above Island No. 10. But this position of the Prussians has this other disadvantage, that they cannot advance any considerable distance unless they move their whole line, for they dare not expose their flanks nor give their enemies an opportunity of slipping through a gap into their rear, endangering their communications and base of supplies.

We await with great anxiety the news to be brought by the next steamer. The second active campaign will have by that time commenced, and those unforeseen accidents which seldom enter into the calculations of Generals and often win or lose battles, may change the whole aspect of the situation.

The Howlings of a Political Acrobat.

The call for a National Union Convention has operated upon the more violent of the Radicals as a scarlet cloak is supposed to operate upon an angry bull. It has incensed them almost to madness. It so belies their predictions, so baffles their expectations, so deranges their calculations, that they are unable to restrain themselves, or to conduct their assaults in any but the most extravagant method. The *Tribune* is oppressed with the idea that none beside the Radicals are entitled to be considered Unionists; from day to day dwelling upon the idea that that cannot be a Union Convention from which the champions of "a general amnesty and impartial suffrage" will be excluded. But the *Tribune*, with all its violence, is outdone by Mr. J. W. FORNEY. He raves like a man demented. Yesterday in the *Press*, to-day in the *Chronicle*, he is full of sound and fury—assailing conservative Republicans and conservative Democrats with equal bitterness and disregard of truth, and piling accusation after accusation upon the head of the President, with an energy which only private animosity can explain.

Mr. FORNEY is exercising himself, especially in the matter of inventions. He is the sensation-monger of the hour, outstripping all fibbers in his indifference to truth, and eclipsing Munchausen in the extravagance of his conceptions. He writes like a man through whose excited brain visions of conspiracies, and bloody deeds, and revolutions are flitting all the time. He is the Titus Oates of the capital, ready at a moment's notice to proclaim as coming events which he knows to be impossible, and to charge with wrong-doing every man who stands in the way of his masters. The proceeding is not a very creditable one, considering his position as Secretary of the Senate. Until he was lifted into the position, its occupant was expected to abstain from active partisan effort. The servant of the Senate, not of any particular section, he was by custom required to comport himself decently and respectfully to all. Mr. FORNEY, however, changed all this. And now we have the disgraceful spectacle of an officer of Congress running to and fro as the great slanderer of all who do not minister to his greed and ambition, and employing the patronage at his disposal to concoct, print, and circulate the most outrageous attacks upon every public man who dares to resist his masters' schemes.

As "Occasional" writing to the *Press*, Mr. FORNEY charges upon the President and Mr. SEWARD a terrible conspiracy, by fraud and force to secure the unconditional admission of the South to Congress. And "an indiscriminate removal of office-holders" is described as in contemplation, to give *éclat* to what is called "this stupendous conspiracy." The man knows that there is not a shadow of truth in the whole story. But its invention and publication at Philadelphia serve his purposes at Washington; and for everything else he cares not.

As editor of the Washington *Chronicle*, he fulminates his thunder more elaborately and artistically. How truthfully may be imagined when we say that in Monday's issue he preferred an indictment against President JOHNSON, containing these among other counts:

"While he pardons the red-handed rebel, he proscribes the pure-hearted patriot. While he calls for the tenderest treatment of the Southern communities that filled the rebel armies, he vetoes every measure intended to protect the rights and to promote the interests of the loyal people. As he melts before what he calls the sufferings of the Southern people, he never shows the slightest sympathy for the oppressed and friendless colored race. The doors that are thrown open for the admission of the organizers of the rebellion, as well in civil as in military life, are closed upon the great statesmen who gave their days and nights to the preservation of the cause of the Republic. So complete is the transformation that if JEFFERSON DAVIS were now in the Presidential chair, clothed with imperial powers, to complete the mission of the rebellion, he could not more severely punish the men who opposed him or more generously reward the men who sustained him."

We will not pause to point out in detail the falsehoods which are crammed into this brief paragraph. If ANDREW JOHNSON needs a minute vindication against charges so transparently untrue as these unquestionably are, his work has indeed been vain. The country knows that every one of the imputations thus piled together is groundless. And the country will have no difficulty in discovering the *animus* or determining the moral authority of the journalist who prints allegations which are refuted in advance by the record of ANDREW JOHNSON'S service.

But Mr. FORNEY has gone yet further. Provoked by the publication of a letter which he addressed to the President in January last, soliciting the appointment of a friend to the New-York Collectorship, and professing respect and attachment to the President and his policy, he has for the nonce dropped "Occasional," eschewed the editorial, and in his own proper person rushed into print. Yes, J. W. FORNEY addresses the President as "My dear Sir," and inflicts upon him a lengthy epistle, the exact object of which it is not easy to guess, unless it be to frighten the President from telling further tales about the aforesaid FORNEY. Certain threats with which the epistle impudently concludes, admit of this construction and this only. Now upon this point we have but one word to say. Mr. FORNEY, of all living men, should be most careful in regard to epistolary writing. As "Occasional" or as editor he may enjoy immunity. But as the letter-writing J. W. FORNEY, he should remember that it was in this capacity he first achieved notoriety, and that when men read missives with that name attached, their minds revert unwittingly to a certain other letter, whereof the Forrest trial gives conclusive evidence. That letter should be enough for one man's fame.

The Excise Law Suspended.

In consequence of the decision of Recorder HACKETT, the Police and Excise Commissioners have given orders to suspend the making of arrests, complaints, &c., required by the new Excise Law. As we understand it, the regulation of the liquor traffice now depends only upon the old laws, and as these were never enforced to any considerable degree, it is fair to presume that the selling of liquor, the keeping open all night, and keeping open on Sundays, will follow, as a matter of course. How soon the question of the constitutionality of the new law will be decided by the Court of Appeals we cannot guess; but we are told that a concerted effort will be made to stave off the hearing to the last possible moment. If this be the case, those who have paid for licenses will have just ground of complaint, since, in consideration of a heavy tax, they were promised protection in their business, and have the right to demand that no one shall sell liquor without complying with all the regulations set down for them.

We have objected to certain features of the new Excise Law upon grounds that seemed to us pertinent and important, and the result fully justifies our course. Without entering now upon the merits of the law or of the Recorder's decision, we may say that the result is unfortunate, inasmuch as such an easy overthrow of an important statute tends to weaken respect for all laws. There is too much of this "injunction" and "unconstitutionality" business, and the people may reasonably begin to think that they can evade or defy any act that conflicts with a cherished interest. But the next Constitutional Convention will very probably settle the business, and the election of judges by the people and checkmating the Legislature by the dictum of a single police justice of some inferior court will doubtless die together.

The Three Royal Manifestoes.

The three warring monarchs of Austria, Prussia and Italy have issued manifestoes to their respective peoples, setting forth the causes and the objects of the war—each according to his own view of the matter. There is nothing particularly novel in these documents to those who have studied the history of this dispute, who know the lines of argument which have been adopted by the various parties, and the charges made by each against the other. Yet they have an interest from the way in which they signalize and set forth the points in the quarrel, and as showing the impression which the monarchs wish to make not only upon their own peoples, but upon the world in general.

The manifestoes of the two Kings allied in opposition to Austria are certainly less dignified and imposing, and more passionate and demagogical, than the manifesto of the Austrian Kaiser. Leaving out for the moment the question as to which side has the absolute right, or rather the greatest share of right, in this dispute, we think it will be confessed by all, that from the opening of the quarrel until now, the official documents emanating from the Austrian Government have been of far the highest order of ability, at once dispassionate and earnest, eminently compact and lucid, and possessed of at least more of a show of justice, and less of the appearance of duplicity and diplomatic *finesse* than have been found in the dispatches from other sources. And this remark is certainly justified in the proclamations precedent to the final appeal to arms that have been issued by the supreme authorities of the belligerent Powers. We do not know that either of the monarchs is himself personally responsible for the style and character of the manifesto issued in his name. We suspect the few, if any, of the rulers of Europe, excepting LOUIS NAPOLEON, actually put in form the documents to which their signatures are appended, either on ordinary or extraordinary occasions. The exception we have made is certainly a striking one, and no better illustration could be given of the peculiar genius of the present French ruler than is found in his recent remarkable letter setting forth the attitude which France proposes to maintain in reference to the present European complication. But the three royal manifestoes are none the less representative in character because their authorship may not be primarily royal, and we have in them the figure as well as the sign manual of WILLIAM, of FRANCIS JOSEPH, and of VICTOR EMMANUEL.

With regard to the original cause of hostilities between Austria and Prussia, each of the monarchs of these Powers charges the other with being the aggressor in the quarrel. Both of them claim to have done what was possible to maintain and perpetuate peace, but events found it impossible to settle its conditions upon the basis demanded by the other. WILLIAM lays stress upon the fact that he agreed to enter a Conference with the other great Powers to effect a peaceful settlement; but FRANCIS JOSEPH declares that the deliberations of the Conference could never have led to the preservation of peace, because of the refusal of the Powers to recognize public law and existing treaties as the basis of their efforts. Besides, the specifications made by each against the other, a few general charges are put forth for popular effect. Austria charges her opponent with grasping selfishness, territorial ambition, and repeated violations of law, treaty, and Federal right. Prussia charges that her adversary has not treated her as a "natural ally, but as a hostile rival," and that the "humiliation of Prussia has been the watchword of her enemies." Both of the disputants are, of course, sanguine of success in the appeal to the sword. "The spirit of 1813," says King WILLIAM, "lives in the Prussian people." And he grandiloquently continues: "We are compelled to fight for existence. We must go forth to battle for life or death against those who wish to humiliate the Prussia of the great Elector FREDERICK and of the war of Independence. If God gives us the victory," &c., &c.

FRANCIS JOSEPH likewise advances to the conflict with that confidence which is afforded by a just cause, "and with fresh and unfailing courage at the sight of my armed and valiant soldiers, who form a barrier against which the power of Austria's enemies will be shattered." He adds: "We have taken up arms, and now we must not and will not lay them down until we have secured Austria and our Confederate German States their free internal development and their rightful position in Europe. Both monarchs scout the idea of domestic dissensions among their people, and express a perfect confidence in their unity throughout the war. "Prussia's opponents," says King WILLIAM, "deceive themselves, if they imagine her to be paralyzed by dissensions at home. Before the enemy these disappear, and all hitherto opposed to one another stand henceforth united in triumph or misfortune." "But one feeling," says FRANCIS JOSEPH on the same point, "pervades the inhabitants of my kingdom and provinces—that of cohesion, of strength in their unity, of indignation at an unprecedented violation of right."

So far for the conflict between Prussia and Austria. The case of Italy *versus* Austria brings in new elements and new arguments. VICTOR EMMANUEL'S manifesto is characterized as a "stirring" one, and so it must be of necessity, considering the nature of the quarrel and the war. "Venetia" is the one word of the King, as it is the one cry of the Italian people. The last opportunity to acquire the noble province was lost; another opportunity has now arrived. Of course he charges FRANCIS JOSEPH with being responsible for the war, and further charges him with "having assumed a hostile and threatening attitude on the Italian frontiers to disturb the pacific task of reorganizing Italy." But at all events, VICTOR EMMANUEL *must* have Venetia, and so, having handed over the government of the State to the Prince of Corignano, "he again takes up the eagles of Goeta and Pastrango, of Pallestro and San Marino." To this ambition and this lofty language FRANCIS JOSEPH tersely and tartly replies: "One of the hostile Powers (Italy) deems no pretext necessary to justify its lust for the plunder of a portion of the Austrian monarchy. In the eyes of that Power a favorable opportunity is a sufficient cause for war." And with this sneer the Kaiser takes up his position behind the Quadrilateral, to watch the advance of the four eagles of which VICTOR EMMANUEL speaks.

The Kings trust in Heaven even more than in their armies, but FRANCIS JOSEPH is most profound and frequent in his manifestations: "For all the misery which this war will entail upon families, districts and countries I make those who have provoked it answerable before the tribunal of posterity and of the Almighty and Eternal God." And in closing his manifesto he utters an appeal which is quite Hebraic in its majesty and solemnity: "Our confidence and our hopes are based upon our unity and strength, but not upon them alone. They are placed in a higher power, the omnipotent and just God, whom my house has always served, and who never abandons those who firmly rely upon His justice. Him will I beseech for help and victory, and I call upon my people to join with me in my prayer."

Spiritualism on the Tight Rope—Sabbath-day Pastimes.

Some people may have thought that tight-rope spiritualism had been sufficiently exposed to make exhibitions in New-York unprofitable, either for the procurement of money or notoriety. In spite, however, of exposure, there is a large class of people so determined to be cheated and swindled, that neither human nor superhuman laws, apparently, can baulk them of their intent. Those who go to Chatham-street, on special invitation, to buy a hundred thousand dollars' worth of jewelry for a one-dollar greenback are above the weakness of submitting to any remonstrance. Most of those who take to spiritualism, whether of the rapping-table order, or the tight-rope performances, will not be held back by moral suasion or any other suasion. They desire first the sensation of being surprised and a little shaken in the nerves. They desire next to run the venture of finding out the *supernatural* in advance of their more sober minded and matter-of-fact neighbors, who think that a rational acquaintance with what is *natural* is enough for the ordinary class of poor, dying mortals to aim at. In short, anything said or done—however preposterous—outside of the work-a-day experience of men and women will attract sight-seers and listeners, and dreamers, and they will pay money for the show.

A public room on Broadway was filled on Sunday night to witness the antics of tying up a feeble young woman with ropes, in a portable cupboard, and allowing her time, either to invoke some able-bodied resident of the other world to *untie* her, or struggle to do the thing herself. The unfortunate girl thus put on exhibition seems to have prayed in vain for spiritual assistance to undo the ropes. She seems to have also struggled in vain to undo them herself. The result, after long and frantic effort, naturally, was a *real* fainting fit, with very little spiritualism and no sham at all about it. It may be said to be disgraceful to our civilization that such things should happen in a City with several thousand Police constables within call and an Excise Commission in perpetual session. But New-York is not singular in its patronage of these humiliating exhibitions. They are more rife in Paris and London than here. And the Pope of Rome is the only Potentate who has had the moral courage to rebuke the spiritualists and their familiars from the other world, and to order both outside of his dominions. In less strictly regulated communities than the States of the Church, the thing is tolerated and patronized by very great people; only the exhibitions are not generally so utterly disgusting and abominable as those which have recently been held in the most fashionable quarter of Broadway. The business has flourished with more or less success for four or five thousand years, and we are not undertaking to *write it down*. We merely suggest that there may be other modes of breaking the Sabbath day than drinking lager beer in Jones' Wood. The cosmeness and vulgarity of these tight-rope exhibitions are not and never have been equaled in the lowest beer saloon on the Island.

THE WAR IN EUROPE.

ARRIVAL OF THE MAILS BY THE CUBA.

Further Particulars of the Conquest of Saxony by Prussia.

General Plan of the Campaign in Northern Germany.

The Prompt Activity of Prussia and Austrian Hesitation.

Complete Summary of Military Movements.

Gen. Benedek's Address to the Austrian Army.

THE ITALIAN DECLARATION OF WAR.

Manifesto of Victor Emmanuel to the Italian People.

The mails by the steamship *Cuba* reached this City last evening. The news has already been received by telegraph from Halifax, but we give from our foreign files the following interesting details of military movements:

THE PRUSSIAN ARMY.

General Description of the Theatre of War—The Course of the Prussians Through Saxony.

Military Correspondence of the London Times.

HEADQUARTERS OF THE FIRST ARMY,
GORLITZ, June 19.

It must be borne in mind that in the theatre of war there are three rivers of the name of Neisse. They are all, either directly or indirectly, affluents of the Oder, and are, therefore, not unlikely to be confounded with one another. The most westerly of the three is that which flows past this town. It rises in Bohemia, passes by Zittau, forming near that town the defile by which NAPOLEON in 1813 penetrated into Bohemia, flows by Ostritz, Gorlitz, Priebus and Muskau, communicates with the Spree by the Cottbus Canal, and finally falls into the Oder. The next river of this name towards the East is an affluent of the Katzbach, itself an affluent of the Oder. This Neisse is distinguished as the Wüthende, or raging Neisse. It rises near Hohenfriedberg, celebrated for the victory gained in 1745 by FREDERIC the Great over the Austrians, passes by Jauer, and joins the Katzbach about seven miles above Liegnitz. It was between Jauer and the confluence of these two streams that the battle of Katzbach was lost by MACDONALD in 1813. The Neisse river which runs past the fortress of Neisse, the present headquarters of the Crown Prince, rises in the mountains south of Glatz, passes by that fortress, and by Neisse, and joins the Oder about 12 miles below Brieg. It is to this river that the principal defiles leading through the Riesen Gebirge into Central Silesia are due. The Prussian advanced guards occupied Dresden last evening, and Prince FREDERIC CHARLES has thus gained possession of the line of railway which forms the lateral communication through Saxony. The advance has as yet been unopposed; the Austrian General still tarries behind the mountains. Great movements have been going on among his troops, but no indication of an advance has as yet been given. Now, it appears as if the Austrians will have a difficult task before them should they attempt to deprive the Prussians of the advantages which the latter have already gained, for Prince FREDERIC CHARLES is this morning firmly fixed in Saxony, and has evidently no intention of allowing his hold on this country to be lightly shaken off.

The general course of events in the occupation of Saxony has been as follows: On the evening of the 15th, when the Saxon Government had rejected the Prussian *ultimatum* and knew that the army of Prince FREDERIC CHARLES was concentrated on the frontier, means were adopted to impede as much as possible the advance of the Prussian troops. Saxon pioneers were set to work upon the railways which lead from the frontier upon Dresden. Of such railways there are two, that which follows the valley of the Elbe and joins the Leipsic line at Riesa and that which from Gorlitz leads by Bautzen upon the capital of Saxony. At nightfall the Saxon pioneers commenced their work, but in the dark, and, under constant apprehension of being broken in upon by the Prussian advanced guards, they made but little progress. The rails were taken up, but were neither carried away, nor twisted, nor broken so as not to be again immediately available. At 11 o'clock at night the wooden bridge which carries the railway branches to Leipsic and Chemnitz across the Elbe, near Riesa, was set on fire by means of petroleum. Its destruction was not accomplished, for only two piers were burnt, and the whole bridge was again made passable by the evening of the next day.

When the work of demolition went slowly on in Saxony, heavy masses of Prussian troops were drawing together, and closing down to the very frontier line of that kingdom. Between Gorlitz and the border on the west, Prince FREDERIC CHARLES marshalled three strong *corps d'armée*, while near Strehla, on the north, Gen. VON BITTENFELD divided his force into three columns, so as to advance with a broad front and as quickly as possible on the railway junction at Riesa. During the few dark hours of the short Summer night the last preparations for the invasion were made: the main bodies of the troops were all collected together about midnight, and the soldiers piled arms to rest and wait for dawn. Few slept, a dull and heavy murmur continually rose from the crowded columns, and told the subdued but deep excitement which pervaded the hearts of the men; and this excitement was not without a cause, for all thought the Austrian was in Dresden, and that there would be a battle on the morrow. The time passed slowly, and it seemed as if day would never break. At last the first faint streaks of dawn appeared, the troops eagerly fell into their ranks, and, before the sun had risen, the advanced guards were pushing briskly over Saxon ground.

The pioneers who were engaged on the railways fled before the foremost troops got near them, fortunate to avoid being taken. What Saxon troops there were on the lines of the advance also retreated quickly toward Dresden.

BITTENFELD, from the north, reached Riesa about 9 o'clock, and occupied that town in force. Below the town two pontoon bridges were quickly thrown across the Elbe, part of the troops crossed to the right bank and pushed on to Grossenhain, while another portion were directed up the left bank of the river toward Meissen. Hardly had BITTENFELD'S troops established themselves in Riesa, when a detachment of the Field Railway Corps arrived from Berlin who immediately commenced the restoration of the lines which had been torn up on the railway, while pioneers were set to repair the burnt portion of the bridge.

In the meantime the columns of the main army were advancing in Cusatia, Lobau was occupied before midday, and Bautzen in the afternoon. But Prince FREDERIC CHARLES proceeded cautiously, for he knew that the passes from Gabel and Reichenberg led against his left, and that he must guard against an Austrian attack from that direction. To cover his communications with Silesia and to shield his left flank, he pushed a strong detachment along the Zittau road to a point little beyond Ostritz. On Saturday he did little except to establish himself in his position. On Sunday a detachment was pushed out to the right to feel BITTENFELD'S left, and the Prince pushed troops to Bischofswerda, on the Dresden road, while the advanced guard of HERWARTH occupied Meissen. Yesterday a simultaneous advance was made on the capital, the advancing columns met with no opposition, and last night the Prussian colors floated over Dresden.

The telegraph tells us that the Austrians intend to postpone the commencement of active operations until a federal contingent of 50,000 men can be put in the field to assist in the operations against Saxony. To-day Austrian movements have been reported in the direction of Reichenberg, but all reports from the outposts must at present be received with considerable caution.

From Hanover we hear that Gen. MANTEUFEL has passed Luneburg and is pressing southward, and that the town of Hanover was last night occupied, after a twelve hours' march, by Gen. VON FALKENSTEIN. This General commands the Prussian corps which I mentioned in a previous letter as being in process of concentration at Minden.

The Prussian Gen. VON BEYER, with the corps which was concentrated at Wetzlar, has occupied Giessen, Marbourg and Cassel, and has thus cut off the direct railway communication between Hanover and Frankfort-on-the-Maine. The Hanoverian army, which was at Göttingen, is making an attempt to get to Fulda, whither the corps of Federal Hesse have moved to join it, but the railway from Göttingen to Fulda runs through Cassel, and it does not appear improbable that, cut off from the south by VON BEYER, and pressed in the rear by FALKENSTEIN and MANTEUFEL, the Hanoverians may be obliged to either lay down their arms, or cut their way through with the sword. Bavarian, Würtemberg and Darmstadt troops are collecting round Frankfort. A Bavarian *corps d'armée* is said to have been yesterday pushed forward to Fulda to aid the retreat of the Hanoverians. To understand the difficulties of this retreat it must be noticed that two lines of railway lead from Göttingen into the valley of the Maine; the one by Cassel, Marbourg and Giessen, to Frankfort, is already in possession of the Prussians at these three stations; the other, by Cassel, Bebra, Fulda and Hanau, is occupied by the Prussians at Cassel. Neither the Hanoverians can reach Bebra and Fulda without being attacked in flank during their march from Göttingen to Bebra, seems to depend solely upon the number of men BEYER can afford to detach from Cassel. The Bavarians seem to anticipate the probability that the armies of the enemies of Prussia will have to retire across the Maine, and to take up the line of that river against invasion from the north, for the massive railway bridge over that river at Lichtenfels is mined, and, it is said, is ready to be fired. This bridge carries the railway leading from Cassel by Bebra, Meenbach and Coburg to Bamberg across the Maine.

In Silesia strong Austrian patrols have pushed up to the outposts of the Crown Prince, but no demonstration of an attack against his position has been made. Probably they were only sent out to obtain as much information as they could of the numbers and positions of the army of Silesia, or of the Second Army, as it is now officially termed, the army here under the Prince FREDERICK CHARLES being the First Army.

The Situation near Frankfort—The Defeat of a Darmstadt Regiment—Why the Prussians did not Advance upon Frankfort.

Correspondence of the London Times.

FRANKFORT, Wednesday, June 20.

The English tourist traveling through Belgium and Rhenish Prussia to the centre of the late German Confederation can scarcely realize that the first shots of another great *Bruder Krieg* have been fired. Indeed, so long is it since the Rheinlanders last witnessed the miseries and havoc of war, that many of them still shake their heads incredulously when the subject is mooted, and evidently regard Royal manifestoes as a kind of *Theatre-speil*. On one point alone a sad certainty exists—the Rhine hotels are absolutely empty. "We see no one, Sir," said an hotel-keeper at Coblentz, "but a stray Englishman hurrying up to see the fight." Leaving these enterprising gentlemen to encounter the disappointments which I must

lay, in which case I beg you to be good enough to intoom me to that effect.

Manifesto of Victor Emanuel.

Telegram to the London Press.

FLORENCE, Tuesday, June 26.

The King of Italy has addressed the following Manifesto to the Italian people:

Seven years have already passed since Austria attacked my States because I had supported the common cause of the country in the councils of Europe. I took up the sword to defend my throne, the liberty of my people, the honor of the Italian name, and to fight for the right of the nation. Victory was in favor of good right. The valor of the army, the aid of the volunteers, the concord and wisdom of the people, and the assistance of a magnanimous ally gained the almost complete independence and liberty of Italy. Supreme reasons were obliged to respect prevented us from at that time accomplishing that just and glorious enterprise. One of the noblest provinces of Italy, united by the desires of the population to my Crown, and which its heroic resistance and continual protest against foreign dominion rendered especially dear and sacred to us, remained in the hands of Austria. Though sorrowful at heart, I abstained from troubling Europe, which desired peace.

My Government occupied itself with improving the work of interior organization, with opening sources of public prosperity, and with fortifying the country by land and sea, awaiting a favorable opportunity to accomplish the independence of Venetia. Although waiting was not without danger, nevertheless we understood how to keep what within our hearts—I, my feelings as an Italian and a King, and my people its just impulses. I preserved intact the right of the nation and the dignity of the Crown and of the Parliament in order that Europe might understand what was due to Italy.

Austria, suddenly reinforcing her troops upon our frontier, and provoking us by her hostile and threatening attitude, has come to disturb the pacific task of the reorganization of the Kingdom. I have replied by again taking up arms, and you have afforded the world the grand sight of hastening with promptitude and enthusiasm into the army, and to enlist among the volunteers.

Nevertheless, when friendly Powers endeavored to settle the difficulties by a Congress, I gave a last pledge of my feelings to Europe, and hastened to accept the proposal. Austria again refused, this time rejecting negotiations and all argument, affording thus a fresh proof that if she confides in her strength she does not rely upon the goodness of her cause and of her right. You, also, Italians, may trust in your strength, looking with pride upon your valiant army and strong navy; but you may rely still more upon the sacredness of your rights, the triumph of which is henceforth infallible. We are supported by he judgment of public opinion, and by the sympathy of Europe, which knows that Italy, independent and secure in her territory, will become a guarantee for peace and order.

Italians! I hand over the Government of the State to the Prince of CARIGNAN, and again take up the eagles of Goito and Pastrengo, of Palestro and San Martino. I feel that I shall accomplish the vows made at the tomb of my high-minded father. I wish to be once more the first soldier of Italian independence. VICTOR EMANUEL.

EVENING.

King VICTOR EMANUEL has also issued a proclamation to the National Guard, which says:

I leave the regency of the kingdom to the Prince of CARIGNAN, to fight anew the final battles for the liberty and independence of Italy. While our forces by land and sea secure the rights of the nation against the threats and provocations of Austria, you will keep it organized and strong, in order that it may strengthen its liberties in respect for the laws, preparing itself worthily for the glorious future which awaits us. It is you who have constituted the nation by your will; preserve it intact now by discipline and arms. Citizens! I confidently intrust to you the guardianship of public security and order. I go where the voice of Italy calls.

VICTOR EMANUEL.

Position of the Italian Army.

Correspondence of the London Daily News.

MILAN, Monday, June 18, 1866.

Whoever casts a glance upon the map of Northern Italy, and especially upon that part which is known as the Valley of the Po, will perceive an uninterrupted succession of plains, often intersected by the courses of small rivers and brooks, which, running from north to south and vice versa, discharge their waters into the Po. The places where those small rivers empty themselves are generally at a distance of a few miles from each other, and agriculture having turned them to account for purposes of irrigation, no small difficulties for the armies which intend to measure their strength on the far-famed Lombard plains have thereby been created.

From the spot at which the Po, near Viadana, alters its course, turning north to follow it again afterwards toward the east, the ground may be correctly called, not a plain, but low land beneath the level of the rivers. The elasticity goes on until we reach more marshes, which can easily be inundated by cutting the earthworks between which the rivers run. It is, indeed, generally reported here that the Austrians have taken all the necessary measures for doing so on the Polesine. For the reasons I have briefly enumerated above, I believe that the events of the impending war, if they are destined to occur in Lombardy, must take place nearly on the same spot as that on which the battles of 1859 were fought. This opinion is supported by the fact that until this morning the First, Second, and Third Corps D'armee were occupying positions which are circumscribed by the triangle formed by Piacenza, Cremona, and Lodi, of course with a development which towards the northeast reaches as far as Castiglione delle Stiviere, Solferino, Guidizzuolo, and Volta. The difference, however, between the present campaign and that of 1859 is, that now the Italians are master of the line on the River Adda, and strong and new fortifications raised at Pizzighetone, that they have strongly fortified Cremona, and much increased the fortifications of Piacenza, places which command the right and left banks of the Po, on which they stand. Now, the defence of this country rests strongly on the last named places, and toward the east on the nature of the marshes of which I have mentioned above. The Fourth *corps d'armee* under the orders of Gen. CIALDINI—the Garibaldi of the regular army—holding the positions of Bologna, Miramdola, Concordia, Ferara and Cento, could easily outflank any army which might cross the Po between Sesto and Cremona. Should the Austrians attempt this movement—a thing which I very much doubt—CIALDINI could easily concentrate his forces at the menaced point by means of the railway which runs from Ferrara to Cremona, and which passes through Bologna, Modena, Reggio, Parma and Piacenza, with a branch to Codogno, Lodi, and Cremona. But it may also happen—and a not distant future will perhaps prove it—that CIALDINI will assume the offensive, and boldly cross the Po, in the very teeth of the Austrian army.

P. S.—I open this letter in order to tell you it is generally reported that important movements will occur with the First, Second and Third *Corps d'Armée* during the night. The Commissariat-General of the army is already at Cremona.

The Advance of the Italian Army.

From the London Daily News, June 23.

The whole of the Italian army is on the march toward the Mincio and the Po. Piacenza, which was a few days ago crowded with soldiers, has now only a garrison left in it. The most complete secrecy exists as to the plan of operations. The troops advance by night in silence. The strictest injunctions have been issued from headquarters as to the direction the army is taking. That the Mincio and the Po will be crossed is confidently believed, the former by the King and LA MARMORA, the latter by CIALDINI, but at what points has not transpired. It is doubtful whether the Austrians will dispute the passage of the rivers. They have been concentrating for some days back on the line of Verona, Vicenza, Padua and Rovigo. Being masters of the roads and railway, they have it in their choice to select the place of battle. From the general aspect of their position, it is not improbable that the first great battle in Italy will be fought in the centre of the quadrilateral on the attempt to pass the Adige. GARIBALDI will probably under take the difficult and dangerous duty of getting between the Austrian Army and cutting off their communication with Vienna, or will harass its flank, which is protected by a corps of 20,000 men, under Gen. KUNZE. The enthusiasm of the Italians remains unabated. Sig. SELLA, the late Minister of Finance, has enrolled himself as a volunteer; and the Italian Commissioner for the Paris Exhibition is stated to have left Paris for the purpose of taking arms under GARIBALDI. The walls of the Italian towns on the frontier are covered with placards containing patriotic sentiments, such as *"Venezia o morte! Fuori Stranieri!"*

Advices from Turin state the Italian plan of action is that while the First, Second and Third Corps bear down on the Mincio, to the north of Villeggio, between Sallunzo and Peschiera, in order to cross the river, the Fourth Corps, commanded by Gen. CIALDINI, will make a demonstration on Venetia, supported by the fleet.

Proclamation of the Ex-King of Naples.

Telegram to the London Press.

BRUSSELS, Thursday—9:10 P. M.

The Ex-King of Naples has issued the following proclamation:

At present, when war is about to decide anew the fortunes of Italy, it is my paramount duty to announce my intention as Sovereign and my counsels as a fellow-citizen.

Since I quitted Gaeta six years ago I have not ceased to keep my regards fixed upon the kingdom, and I have seen all the ruin which in that short time has fallen upon it and upon you. Unable to prevent these disasters I have protested before all Europe for my rights and for yours.

You will remember that I left Naples from considerations of moderation. I had no wish that an excessive attachment to my crown should be the cause of disorders, or that a too ardent devotion for myself should lead to sanguinary conflicts.

My sincere adhesion for you was the only motive which decided me to quit the capital. Afterward the same affection caused me to deplore the popular resistance which was stained with blood and rapine.

But your sufferings incited you to resist inconsiderately; these resistances provoked sanguinary repressions, and these repressions engendered indomitable passions and deep hatred; those excesses, those rapines, those acts of inhumanity, I condemned, so much the more because the distance which separated us prevented my stopping them.

My name and the independence of the country have been used as a veil to conceal evil feelings. I desired to tear that veil in places. I was powerless to do so. Now that decisive events are in store, citizens, I beseech you all to set aside all strife and discord; I implore you all, whatever may be your political opinions, to have only one aim—the welfare of the country—and to cooperate to that end. No one can desire internal dissensions or entertain the idea of patricide. In my name, and in the name of the common country, I exhort all men of birth, education, experience and fortune to use their utmost influence in pacifying opinions and passions, and in conciliating parties, in order that every one may assist in maintaining peace, order and tranquility in the kingdom. This advice I also give to the whole civic guard who are armed for that purpose.

Whatever may be the fortune of Italy in the approaching war I shall always recommend you to sacrifice your political animosities, and to put aside all hate and party prejudices. Let us all show that concord and sincere paternal love, which are the incentives for the welfare of our native land.

If my advice is followed I shall consider it the best proof of the attachment of my people, to whom I have vowed eternal affection.

(Signed) FRANCISCO.
(Countersigned) PIETRO C. ULLOA.

THE PRESS ON THE SITUATION.

The General Plan of the Campaign in Germany.

From the London Times, June 22.

Gradually the form of the campaign in Central Europe begins to unfold itself. We cannot say whether the Austrian plans have undergone a change, because we know not what they originally were, but it seems certain that those which a fortnight ago were attributed to them in Germany can hardly be carried into execution. It was said that the Austrians, having massed a powerful army in Bohemia, and completely secured the alliance of Saxony, would make the best use of these advantages. A railway and several good roads unite the countries, a few hours would be sufficient for the Austrians to take possession of the most desirable pass of Zittau, Schandau, and two or three days would place the whole of the little kingdom in their hands. What, then, would be more natural than that their first move should be the occupation of Dresden, and that in a few days after a declaration of war their lines should extend from Leipsic to Bautzen, menacing the capital of their adversary? The event has proved widely different. The Austrians have no doubt, some reason for their apparent inactivity, for their Generals are able, their troops eager, and it is their obvious interest to be successful at the beginning of the campaign. But as yet all the advantages have been on the side of the Prussians. Yesterday the telegraph announced the occupation of Dresden, and to-day the world learns that the Prussians have taken possession of Pirna, and that the Saxon army is vacating the country it was raised to defend, and has by this time probably retired in mass into Bohemia. No future generalship on the part of the enemies of Prussia can repair the advantages thus gained. It was from the strong territory of Southern Saxony that the Austrian legions were to issue and to make the campaign of Brandenburgh. A prosperous country and a sympathizing people were to be at their service, the large towns of the kingdom were to afford accommodation for their wounded, and the spectacle of a small State sharing in their toils and their victories was to excite the other sovereigns and peoples of Germany to espouse their cause. *The promptitude of the Prussians has dissipated these visions.* Saxony is now, within a week of the opening of the war, completely subjugated. Its resources are in the hands of the Prussian Generals, its people will, for ought we know, be conscribed like the peasants of Schleswig-Holstein, and all the advantages of possession be transferred to the conquerors. The Prussian commander is preparing to hold the conquest he has made. He is throwing up earthworks before Dresden, and erecting batteries on the beautiful Bruhl Terrace, which commands the passage of the Elbe. If the Prussians push on and gain strong positions on the north side of the mountains, they may effectually prevent the entrance of the Austrian army into Saxony, while they themselves threaten Bohemia and compel the enemy to keep a considerable force on the south of the frontier. With respect to the movements of the Austrians, we must be very cautious in attributing importance to the statements which reach us. From the telegraphic dispatches it would seem that the attention of Field-Marshal BENEDEK is concentrated on the extreme southeastern portion of Silesia, and that he proposes to wage a purely local war on a remote region of King WILLIAM'S dominions. It is said that the Austrians have invaded the Prussian territory opposite Troppau, and that the extreme left of the Austrian army may have to bear the brunt of a hostile attack. But it may be that this movement is merely subordinate to some grander scheme about which it is useless to speculate at present. Though railway bridges be torn up and telegraphs be cut, the news of bloodshed will come quickly enough, and it is not likely to fall short of any anticipations that may be formed. The successes of the Prussians against the allies of Austria will make the latter Power all the more anxious to gain a signal victory, and the *tone of the Imperial Government shows an anger and bitterness which will not stop until either decisive victory be attained or defeat be encountered.*

The Manifesto of the Austrian Emperor —Necessity of Remodeling the Map of Germany.

From the London Times, June 22.

The manifesto of the Emperor of Austria is a dignified expression of the feelings which now prevail at Vienna. There will be few to allege that the Emperor has provoked this war. From the beginning of the disputes with reference to the Elbe Duchies he took the side of comparative legality, and sought to make his ambitious rival respect the decisions of the German Diet. The conduct of Prussia, whether or not it be rewarded with success, is clearly a violation of the laws by which the several States were bound, and the secession from the Bund is technically illegal. The Emperor of Austria is justified in saying that Prussia has violently severed the ties which unites the German races, and in complaining that she employs military force against the Sovereigns who have discharged their Federal duties. But complaints and recriminations are of little avail. Prussia has carried matters with a high hand; the morality of Government cannot be condemned, its intrigues and pretences may excite indignation in Germany as well as abroad. But it must not be forgotten that the Prussian Government has allied itself with a great principle, and that the political interests of Germany may ultimately be advanced by taking the same side. Count BISMARCK aspires to be something between FREDERICK the Great and Count CAVOUR, and to unite the States of Northern Germany, at least, under one head. If he succeed in this, the country at large will have the benefit of his work long after his dissensions with the Prussian Parliament are forgotten. He has certainly not approached the work of patriotism in a very amiable and liberal spirit. He has made himself everywhere an object of suspicion, if not of hatred, and his Government was but a few weeks ago so unpopular even in his own country as greatly to interfere with the mustering and organization of the army. But whether BISMARCK or another do it, there is certainly a great work to be done in Germany by a strong hand and a clear head urging the people in the direction of unity. Unity is the first and most indispensable achievement of any European nation which desires to attain political greatness. England, France and Spain have had it for centuries; Italy has just won it; Germany is wasting and becoming enfeebled for the want of it. The people, divided as they are among thirty-four Princes, each with his separate interests and his appetite for petty domination, cannot possibly win it for themselves. The work must be done by a great Power, well armed, and gifted with unconquerable resolution. Whether Prussia will be able to achieve the task must be decided by the events of the next few months. But one thing at least has been demonstrated by the campaign of last week. The strength of the minor States is even less than might have been expected when opposed to a great Power. In every little Kingdom and Principality and Electorate of Germany conscription and drilling have been going on for the last 50 years. The youth of each territory have been conscribed, and when their time came they have been dragged to the colors, there to be treated often with brutality which the soldiers of hardly any other country would bear. When the rudimentary process was at an end, the little armies were exercised and reviewed, and manœuvred in sham fight until they might be pronounced perfect by any military spectator. Yet two kingdoms have succumbed without a blow. Even the Saxons, 25,000 strong, and boasting themselves to be among the best disciplined troops of Germany, have not been able to hold a single position in their own country, but have hastily quitted it to act as a contingent to the Austrian army. *What is the use of political organizations which thus fail at the first moment of trial?* What is the use of armies whose first strategical movement is to evacuate the territory they were raised to defend, and the inhabitants of which have been taxed both in blood and money to maintain them? Such a system cannot last. Whatever be the event of this war, the *useless political divisions of Germany must disappear, and give place to a great national authority which may enforce moderation on its neighbors and obtain the respect of the world.*

Preparations for the Great Struggle—The Promptitude of Prussia and the Delay of Austria.

From the London Times, June 23.

From Cracow to the Rhine the preparations for the great struggle continue night and day, but the main armies have not yet met. The complete occupation of Saxony by the Prussians is confirmed. What one remembers the stand which small armies and populations have so often made in defence of their independence, *the fall of the monarchy of Dresden without a blow does not give a high notion of Saxon patriotism.* The people, nearly two millions and a half in number, never stirred. The army is now in perfect condition and discipline at Theresienstadt, in Austrian territory, having no doubt traversed the passes in admirable military order. *It is satisfactory to learn by telegraph that its spirit is excellent.* The Prussians are doing what the Saxons might have done. They are fortifying Dresden and other important points, so as to be able to hold the country by a comparatively small force if hard pressed. Further westward the contest is likely to be more serious. The South Germans are advancing in considerable force, and hold the line of the Main. The Bavarians are at Baireuth and Bamberg; their right communicates with the Austrians, and their left with the Federal army at Frankfort, commanded by Prince ALEXANDER of Hesse. This army is 60,000 strong, and will, of course, be daily reinforced. At the other extremity of the line of operations we find the Prussians actually crossing the Austrian frontier at Oderberg, at the southeastern point of Silesia. It is difficult to believe that this is a serious invasion of an enemy's territory. The Prussians are hardly likely to carry on a campaign at such a distance from their resources, to extend their line so that the left wing of their army under the Crown Prince might be irretrievably separated from the main army, and perhaps be taken in reverse by the Austrians forcing their way into Silesia. If the Austrians assume the offensive, their main army will probably cross the frontier in the neighborhood of Bärnstadt, with the intention of obtaining an equivalent for the loss of Saxony by the occupation of Silesia. The centre of the Austrian army is said to be about Josephstadt, and it is in this district that, as far as our limited knowledge of the position of the belligerents allows us to conjecture, one or more great battles must shortly be fought.

The skill of the Austrian Generals, the valor of their troops, and the determination of their Government give every reason to suppose that a great and obstinate conflict is at hand; but it is now admitted by the Austrians themselves *that Prussia has gained very great advantages, and that these have been afforded her by the improvidence of the Austrian Government itself.* The fact is that Austria and the States in alliance with her were surprised by the decisive and rapid action of Prussia. They thought they could take their own time to begin, and that the military operations would follow the political demonstrations at the good pleasure of Vienna. Filled with this vain confidence, *Austria pushed on the axis of the Diet before Field-Marshal Benedek was ready to act, and while the minor States, who were urged to break with Prussia, had not had time to understand the full importance of their actions.* On the 14th, Austria, by demanding the vote of mobilization from the minor States, actually forced them to assume a position of hostility to Prussia, and the Emperor was bound to provide that they did not come to harm. But the vote was fixed for only two days afterward, and on the 14th the four kingdoms, with the Electorate of Hesse, the Duchies of Hesse-Darmstadt, Nassau and Brunswick, and others of less note, were exposed by their rashness to the vengeance of the enemy. The Austrians were not ready to give any of them the smallest assistance. Prussia, in the meantime, had made all her preparations. A large force was posted along the frontier of Saxony from Halle to Görlitz, and its operations were so well calculated that it carried with it planks of the requisite length to repair the bridges, of which the measure had been taken beforehand. As the Prussians concentrated on Saxony so they concentrated on Hanover, and, whether they succeed or not in overtaking the retreating Hanoverian Army, the conquest of the kingdom itself is complete. The Elector of Hesse is not only dethroned but imprisoned, and the fate of other Princes is still uncertain. It would probably have been impossible, under any circumstances, to save Hanover, but the occupation of the other States is directly due to the unreadiness of the Vienna Court, which provoked a powerful and unscrupulous enemy before its own preparations were complete. The whole plan of operations devised by the Generals of the Austrian Alliance *is now in a great degree discomfited, for the larger part of Northern Germany, with all its resources, is in the power of Prussia,* which also occupies military positions on which the Austrians calculated for their own campaign. It is said, and with much appearance of probability, that the minor States, whose levies are congregating at Frankfort, *are signally discouraged by the aspect of affairs.* They are disposed to complain of Austria, which thrust them into danger before she was able to protect them, and has given a revolutionary impulse on an early and, it may be, an enduring victory. It is even rumored that Bavaria hesitates to take at present an active part in the campaign, on the ground that Austria is not yet ready.

The Austrian Government will, no doubt, do its best to restore the balance in its own favor. It will strain every nerve to give assistance to the Federal army in the West, as well as to reconquer Saxony and to possess itself of Silesia. The last news is that the Federal army is moving northward, and that 12,000 Austrians are on their way to join it. It is not impossible that a terrible encounter may take place within the next few days. While the main armies of the two belligerents are moving slowly toward each other, the fate of Central Germany may be already decided.

The Strategical Advantages Obtained by Prussia—Benedek's Plan of Operations.

From the Paris Moniteur du Soir, June 21.

The Hanovarian *corps de armeé* collected at Göttingen is endeavoring to make its way through the Prussian forces which surround it toward Bavaria, by traversing Electoral Hesse. It was thought at first that this body would proceed toward Fulda, in Hesse, which is quite close to the Bavarian frontier. It appears, however, that a passage by Eisenach, in Saxe-Weimer, is preferred. By doing so, however, the Hanovarians have increasing their distance from Frankfort, where the Eighth Corps of the Federal army, commanded by Prince Alexander, of Hesse, appears to be complete, and numbers some 50,000 men. But the Prussians coming from Wetzlar and spread over Hesse, intercept all communication in that direction. Thuringia, toward which the Hanoverians are directing their march, is guarded by the right wing of the army, under Prince FREDERIC CHARLES, of Prussia. An encounter seems, therefore, to be inevitable. To the south of the Main the Bavarians, resting with their left on the corps under Prince ALEXANDER, of Hesse, have established their headquarters near Baireuth, guarding the line of the River Main, but hitherto showing no disposition to assume the offensive. Upon their right they connect themselves with the military system of the Austrians in Bohemia. The Saxon army, which has completely evacuated the kingdom, and has effected a junction in presence of Prague in its passage into Bohemia, has advanced to Töplitz—having thus joined the Austrians, and being also placed in communication with the Bavarians. The strategical line which generally separates the two belligerent parties is thus to be found upon the Main, the mountains of Bohemia, and those which divide Moravia from Silesia. It will be noted that it is a regular line of operations, but excessively extended, and the efforts of both parties are directed to piercing it. The Prussians have shown, from the commencement of hostilities, an energy and a promptitude of movement remarkable in framing their military positions up this line, which includes countries which in the first instance were opposed to their proceedings. They have succeeded, by the skillful concentration of forces, upon three principal points. To the west the army of Westphalia, giving its hand to that of Gen. MANTEUFFEL coming from Schleswig-Holstein, has absorbed militar ly Hanover and Hesse. Thuringia and Saxony have been surrounded by the army of Prince FREDERICK CHARLES of Prussia, divided into four corps, of which the respective headquarters are at Erfurt, Halle, Torgau and Görlitz. It is to the rapidity of the concentric movements of this army that is due the immediate and very important occupation of the Kingdom of Saxony up to the mountains of Bohemia. Finally, Silesia is guarded by the three corps of the army of the Prince Royal, connecting with the army of the Elbe and of Saxony, which is commanded by Prince FREDERICK CHARLES at Görlitz. Each Prussian corps contains the prescribed number of 36,000 men. The army of Saxony, therefore, comprises 144,000 combatants, and that of Silesia 108,000. The Austrians remaining on the defensive in the very strong positions which they command—the passes of Bohemia—there is nothing at present to lead to a belief that the army of Prince FREDERICK CHARLES has received any orders to push forward to attack them. The Prussians, possessed of the territories which they have occupied, can well afford to wait. The real importance of the offensive movement of the Austrians is yet uncertain; possibly they have only desired to feel their way. In fact, the plan attributed to Gen. BENEDEK of traversing obliquely the whole of Silesia, and advancing upon Berlin, thus taking in reverse the Prussian armies, would be very difficult of execution on account of the length of the line to be gone over and the obstacles which occur upon it. We all know that Silesia is covered with a well-arranged system of formidable fortresses. Whatever may be the case, in anticipation of the movement of the Austrians, the armies of the Prince Royal and Prince FREDERICK CHARLES appear to be drawing closer together, so as to prevent an imposing collection of forces, which, always retaining taining the advantages as to distance, may be rapidly directed upon any point of the Silesiad frontier which may be menaced. It is, therefore, as we stated yesterday, in Silesia that the first great battle may be expected, while the two parties remain for the present in their respective positions toward Saxony. In Italy, Gen. CIALDINI has removed his headquarters from Bologna to Ferrara, where he is placed upon the very frontier of Venetia.

THE MINISTERIAL CRISIS IN ENGLAND.

The Proposition that the Ministry Should Resign.

From the London Star, June 23.

It has been suggested that Lord RUSSELL and Mr. GLADSTONE should give up the positions of Prime Minister and Leader of the House of Commons, which they now respectively enjoy, and take humbler posts under one of their opponents. We need scarcely name the organ which has made this recommendation. So far as we know, there is only one first-class journal which could have ventured to offer an advice so gratuitously silly and so absurdly impudent. The *Times* adds to its general suggestion that Lord STANLEY might, perhaps, be the proper man to compound a Coalition Ministry. We are surprised it did not go on to add that Lord JOHN MANNERS, for example, might be Foreign Secretary, Mr. WHITESIDE Chancellor of the Exchequer, and Mr. GLADSTONE Civil Lord of the Admiralty. Although Lord STANLEY was suggested, of course Mr. LOWE was meant. He is the champion chiefly to—the eye of the modest writer, his personal consideration forbid a too prominent notice of the name. It is astonishing how profoundly ignorant even professed politicians may be of the science of politics. Have these foolish prattlers who talk of coalitions and the displacement of great leaders yet to learn how it is that statesmen gradually rise to the highest rank of responsibility and honor in a free country? It is not by the wriggling of cliques, or the busy zeal of clequeurs; it is not by the patronage of the great or the applause of the little; but by the universal verdict of the people as the result of service to the State well performed and ability conspicuously displayed. Lord RUSSELL succeeded to the Premiership, we were told by Mr. LOWE, by virtue of seniority; but Mr. LOWE forgot to add that the years which gave him that claim were laboriously spent in the highest offices of State, and in the promotion of wise legislation for the country. Mr. GLADSTONE is leader of the Commons not only by the common assent of the party in power, but because there is no man in office whose claims can for one moment compare with his. He has had his victories and defeats, his triumphs and humiliations; but, looking back over the twenty years which have elapsed since PEEL's career culminated, we find Mr. GLADSTONE prominently associated with all the measures which have made the country great and the Parliament renowned. Latterly he has dealt with a master hand with that province of the Government which is now recognized as transcending in importance all the others. He has carried out the wisest principles of finance with a boldness and resolution which place him high above all his competitors; and the admiration which his countrymen entertained for his eloquence and genius when displayed in his career as a financial reformer, has but widened and deepened since he has pledged his word, which none dare dispute, and his fame, which is a common heritage, to the work of political reform.

The Position of Mr. Gladstone.

From the London Times, June 23.

The more ardent of the disappointed Reformers make a point that its catastrophe shall be avenged by an instant dissolution. Nothing will satisfy them but the capital punishment of the offending Legislature, and a heavy penalty to be inflicted on the members by the process of reelection, in which the innocent will suffer at least as much as the guilty. Indeed, in this case it is not easy to say who are the guilty and who are the innocent, as compared with the rest. About nine-tenths of the Liberals have voted black and white with Government for every clause of the bill, and in many cases given votes which they felt it necessary to expiate the next day by clumsy explanations and ignominious confessions. Whatever may be thought of them, they hardly deserve to be fined on the average three thousand pounds a-piece. Neither can the Opposition be proved guilty on any indictment, except one of that vague and constructive character which despots and democrats can draw up so well. They have maintained a very open and consistent opposition to a bill confessedly intended to alter the political balance by taking from them twenty or thirty of the seats now under their influence, and to oust them effectually from all prospect of power. They had promised nothing but Reform in a very general sense of the word, and to this moment there can be only a natural and very unjustifiable inference that they would have rejected a fair and reasonable measure. They must be judged, not by the measures of our suspicions, but by the measure of the actual occasion in which they have been tried. Mr. GLADSTONE had the choice of putting them to one test or another. He might have brought forward a measure so equal and fair to all parties, classes and interests that to reject it might be called a crime. In this case he would not have gained much for his own party, or for any occasional ally; and such a success he might possibly not prize. He had also the option of a measure in the nature of a political invasion of his foes, and a march into their country, with the view of annexing some of their territory and of their subjects. In this case there was the chance of a brilliant success. But there was also the greater risk of a failure; and, in the event of that failure there could be no complaint, no invocation of the just deities, no demand for satisfaction, no excuse for summary vengeance. This is the choice Mr. GLADSTONE—perhaps we ought to say his chief in the other House—has deliberately made. He went for the higher stakes and the greater advantage, without regard to claims founded on the existing state of things. He has failed, as many another gallant party would-be conqueror has failed before, and will fall again. He has been met with weapons and tactics at least as fair and open as his own. He has avoided a direct issue and tried to circumvent his opponents. He has been neither beaten nor even circumvented, but simply treated out by a purely Fabian policy. He has given in. Who, then, is to blame, and who is there to punish? The unsuccessful are ready to punish all the world, and even themselves, if that is necessary to the general execution. This is the whole case for a dissolution, and there is nothing more to be said for it.

There is an obvious inconsistency in this violent wish to refer the present question to the existing constituencies when the very ground of the appeal is an opinion that the constituencies are corrupt usurpations, with no substantial right to call themselves the people and to elect the Parliament. It is impossible to pay a higher compliment to the existing constituency, and the existing state of our representative system, than by insisting on an immediate reference to them on any question of importance. Why alter and revolutionize a tribunal which we regard as the opportune and infallible savior of the country? The classes now enfranchised may then be safely trusted with the most vital of responsibilities. They are, then, sure to send us not only law makers, but also men capable of making a Constitution itself, and widening the basis of this vast political edifice. This is not our eulogy. From our lips such praise might seem fulsome and interested. It is the impartial testimony of the man who inspired the Reform Bill, and who now loudly appeal to the British constituencies to avenge its failure. The appeal, we believe, would be simply wasted. Of course, it would be out of all reason to expect that a general election now should return the very same men as one nine months since. But no human being can venture to say how they would differ. If half-a-dozen men should lose their seats for their votes against Government, it is quite possible that as many would lose their seats for supporting it. If we may venture on any prediction ourselves, it is that the appalling spectacle of all Europe rushing to arms will have the same sobering effect as it had seventy years ago, when the confusion and miseries of the civilized world led us to endure, with hardly a complaint, the anomalies and the abuses of our own political system for another forty years.

THE WEST INDIES.

Particulars of the Revolution in San Domingo—A Large Cargo of Negroes Landed near Matanzas.

HAVANA, Saturday, June 30, 1866.

Advices from Porto Rico to the 17th, and from San Domingo to the 16th inst., have been received. There were were a few cases of small-pox at Ponce.

The *Diario* contains the following particulars of the revolution in San Domingo:

On Saturday, the 26th ult., Gen. ADON made himself master of the left bank of the Ohama, and on Monday next, at noon, Gens. PIMENTAL and CABRIEL, with forces from Cibao, arrived at San Carlos, Gen. MANZUETA and others accompanying them also with troops from the neighboring district. On this day it was intimated to BAEZ that he should give up the command; and with this object, there passed from one side to the other a number of communications, all tending to bring about an immediate solution of the question. Night arrived; and BAEZ, impotent to resist the headway of the revolution, still kept within the walls of Pallacio, although prepared to embark secretly on the schooner *Capotillo*. Gen. PIMENTAL hastened to send cautions to BAEZ against disposing of a vessel belonging to the Republic; but the schooner was taken out of the river with the baggage of BAEZ, and laid in the stream for passengers. PIMENTAL headed off this attempt to escape by placing guards so as to completely shut the vessel in. At midnight this movement became known, and though an effort was made to embark, it was too late. The revolution was accomplished, and BAEZ immediately took refuge at the French Consulate. On the morning of the 29th the Ministry of Ex-President BAEZ gave up everything to Gens. PIMENTAL and CURIEL. Among the gravest of the charges against BAEZ is that of enriching himself at the expense of the Republic to the amount of $700,000 in six months, besides creating an enormous debt in paper money.

The triumvirate has declared null and void all the official acts of BAEZ, and appointed officers to the different Departments.

Gen. CABRAL arrived at the capital on the 6th. He will be the next President. BAEZ has been permitted to leave.

A cargo of 800 to 1,000 negroes were landed at Jeruco, near Matanzas, Cuba, during the last week. Of these, 200 were carried to the Potrero of Durañona, in Guinez, all provided with passes from the Government. The agent of the expedition was formerly Governor of Matanzas.

The weather is very warm.

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MEXICO.

Matamoros Still in the Hands of the Liberals—Departure of Gen. Mejia for Vera Cruz.

NEW-ORLEANS, Tuesday, July 3.

The steamers *Marnic* and *Foole*, nine days from Brazos, arrived in distress at Brashear City, the former a wreck and the latter out of coal.

Gens. MEJIA and OLIVERA and staffs, with a portion of their commands, were at Brownsville, *en route* for Vera Cruz.

Matamoras remained quiet.

MISSOURI.

The Conservative State Convention—Delegates to be Sent to the Philadelphia Convention—Senator Lane Still Alive.

ST. LOUIS, Tuesday, April 3.

The Conservative State Convention met to-day at Mercantile Library Hall. JOHN S. PHILLIPS was chosen permanent Chairman. Resolutions were passed reaffirming the resolutions adopted at the Verandah Hall Convention some months ago, and a committee was appointed to prepare an address to voters of the State. The Convention was well attended, and will send a delegate to the Philadelphia Convention.

Gen. LANE is still alive, but no hopes are entertained of his recovery.

KENTUCKY.

Ratification of Gen. Hobson's Nomination.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Tuesday, July 3.

The nomination of Gen. E. H. HOBSON as the Union candidate for the Clerkship of the Court of appeals, was enthusiastically ratified by a large meeting in front of the Court-house this evening. A patriotic letter from Gov. BRAMLETTE was read, approving the nomination.

NEBRASKA.

Official Vote of the Late Election—The Constitution Adopted—A Radical Governor and Congressmen Elected—The Democrats Elect a Chief Justice and Have a Majority on Joint Ballot in the Legislature.

OMAHA, Nebraska, Thursday, June 28.

The result of the late election is officially announced as follows:

For the Constitution, 3,938; against the Constitution, 3,838.

Congress—MAJOR GUTTE, Radical, 4,110; BROOKE, Democrat, 3,974.

Governor—BUTLER, Radical, 4,096; MORTON, Democrat, 3,948. Average aggregate vote on State officers, 8,041.

LITTLE, Democrat, was elected Chief-Justice by 404 majority. Fifty-eight of a Republican majority was thrown out in Cass County, not counted—a technicality; no fraud was alleged—which elects THOMAS, Democrat, Associate Justice, and gives the Legislature to the Democrats by eight majority on joint ballot.

Fire at Bowling Green, Ky.

BOWLING GREEN, Ky, Tuesday, July 3.

A fire broke out here this morning, originating in the negro quarter, which destroyed the stocks of WILLIAMS & POTTER, valued at $3,000; that of HENRY POTTER, valued at $2,000. Several others were also losers. The aggregate loss is $12,000 worth. No insurance.

TERRIBLE CONFLAGRATION.

Fire Rushing Through Portland.

PORTLAND, Me., Wednesday, July 4—7 P. M.

A terrible fire is raging here, having destroyed BROWN'S sugar house, and is sweeping through the city before a strong southerly wind.

SECOND DISPATCH.

PORTLAND, Wednesday, July 4—8 P. M.

The fire caught in the building above the sugar house on Commercial-street, and has swept through that street into the wooden buildings between Centre and CROSS streets, consuming every thing as it goes. J. B. BROWN & SONS loss from $600,000 to $700,000, insured for $300,000; SEAVEY & SON'S machine shop, and N. P. RICHARDSON & Co.'s stove foundry are completely destroyed.

One steam fire engine has just come in from Saco.

Hon. Barnwell Rhett Murdered—Escape of the Assassin—Riot Between Soldiers and Citizens at Columbia, S. C.

COLUMBIA, S. C., Wednesday, July 4.

Hon. BARNWELL RHETT, a distinguished citizen of this State, was shot yesterday afternoon while going to his plantation, near Charleston. He received two loads from a double-barreled shot-gun, one load breaking his arm, the other penetrating his side and entering his lungs. About twenty minutes after receiving the wounds he fell from his horse and died. It is not known definitely who the murderer was, but it is supposed to be a negro who had expressed strong animosity against the family.

At the preliminary meeting on the Congaree Course to-day, preparatory to reorganizing the Jockey Club, Mr. FRANKLIN'S bay horse *Jockey* won the race, defeating *Nile*. During the race the soldiers and citizens indulged in a free fight, without any serious results. The military arrested a citizen, the Chief of Police interfered, and for a time the battle was heavy, but the soldiers ultimately triumphed.

Excepting the above, the Fourth passed off quietly. The negroes celebrated the day with the whites.

Steamer Movements.

BOSTON, Wednesday, July 4.

The steamship *China* sailed to-day at 1 P. M., taking 126 passengers for Liverpool, and 30 for Halifax. She has no specie.

The steamship *Cuba*, from Liverpool and Halifax, arrived early this A. M. Her mails and newspapers will reach New-York this evening.

The Jackson Railroad.

NEW-ORLEANS, Tuesday, July 3.

The creditors of the Jackson Railroad have formally withdrawn their petition for a receivership. They are satisfied with the management of the road, and will pay all its debts.

LOCAL INTELLIGENCE.

THE EXCISE LAW.

Important Order to the Police—The Provisions of the New Law not to be Enforced until the Question of Constitutionality be Decided.

Yesterday afternoon the following order was issued at Police Headquarters to the various Captains in charge of Precincts, in relation to the Excise Law. It will be seen that for the present the regulations recently put in force under the new law, are to be disregarded, until such time as the constitutionality of the law of 1866 be definitely decided:

OFFICE OF THE
SUPERINTENDENT OF METROPOLITAN POLICE,
No. 300 MULBERRY-STREET,
NEW-YORK, July 4, 1866.

GENERAL ORDER No. 462.—*Order Permit.*—It has become necessary for the police to relax the effort it has been making under authority of the 19th, 20th and 21st sections of the Excise Law of 1865, in consequence of the action of Recor

LAW REPORTS.

UNITED STATES SUPREME COURT.

The La Crosse and Milwaukee and Milwaukee and Minnesota Railroad Cases—The Decree of a Court of Equity Annulling a Contract between Co-defendants, as Against Plaintiff, will not be Construed to Affect its Obligations as between the Co-defendants, except in a Case Properly Presenting all their Claims.

Graham et al., Appellants vs. *La Crosse and Milwaukee Railroad Company et al., and Milwaukee and Minnesota Railroad Company, Appellants* vs. *Selah Chamberlain.*—These are appeals from the Circuit Court of the United States for the District of Wisconsin, the principal facts in which appear in the opinion below. By the Court, Mr. Chief Justice CHASE delivering the opinion:

These two appeals have been properly argued together. They present the same controlling question to be decided upon the same facts and principles. The question is, Were the lease made to Chamberlain and the judgment confessed in his favor by the La Crosse and Milwaukee Railroad Company, in 1857, annulled as between the parties to the lease and judgment by the decree of the District Court of the United States for the District of Wisconsin at the January term, 1859, or only as against Cleveland, the judgment creditor, in whose suit against the Company and Chamberlain the decree was rendered? Some other questions are presented by the records, but they are comparatively unimportant. The Milwaukee and Minnesota Railroad Company, which we will call the Minnesota company, succeeded in 1860, through the purchase of Barlow for their benefit, and through their subsequent organization as a railroad company in order to take and manage the property acquired by that purchase, to all the property, franchises, and rights of the Milwaukee and La Crosse Company, which we will call the La Crosse Company, subject, however, to prior incumbrances. Three years before, in September, 1857, the La Crosse Company, whose road was not then completed, entered into articles of agreement with Chamberlain, for the double purpose of insuring its completion and securing to him a large debt, alleged to be due from the company. By this contract the road was leased to Chamberlain, in consideration that he would apply the income to the operation and extension of the road, to the payment of interest on debts of the Company, and to the payment of Chamberlain's own debt, on satisfaction of which, either by application of the income or otherwise, the road was to be restored to the company. After the execution of this contract, and in the following month, the Company confessed a judgment in his favor of $629,-089 72. Afterwards, and in the same month, Cleveland recovered a judgment against the Company for $111,769 71. To enforce the satisfaction of this judgment, by sale of the road and other property of the La Crosse Company, Cleveland filed his bill against that Company and Chamberlain, with whom were joined some other defendants. In this bill, according to the account given of it by the complainants in the cases now before us, Cleveland insisted that the lease to Chamberlain, and the judgment confessed in his favor, were without consideration and in fraud of creditors, and that they hindered the collection of his judgment, and he prayed that they might be declared void. The La Crosse Company and Chamberlain answered, denying all fraud, and Cleveland took issue by replication. The Court found against the respondents, and decreed that the article of agreement between the La Crosse Company and Chamberlain "be and hereby is vacated, annulled and made void, so that the same shall not be of any force and effect whatever," and that "the judgment and all executions and proceeding thereon be and hereby are vacated, annulled, made void and set aside, so that the same shall have no effect whatever." The decree also enjoined Chamberlain from "controlling or meddling with the railroad or anything belonging to it under the article of agreement." The Minnesota Company, by their bill now under review, allege that by this decree the agreement and the confessed judgment were made, absolutely void, not only against Cleveland, the judgment creditor, but also as between Chamberlain and the La Crosse Company, and that Chamberlain, having purchased the Cleveland judgment, remained in possession of the road, notwithstanding this decree, receiving large sums of money, amounting altogether to more than $200,000, for which he refuses to account. They pray, therefore, that Chamberlain be ordered to apply to the payment of the Cleveland judgment, from the money so received, a sum sufficient for that purpose; that he be ordered to account; that he be credited with the sum applied to the Cleveland judgment; that the balance due may be ascertained; that the Cleveland judgment be ordered to be canceled; and that the ascertained balance, if against Chamberlain, be paid to the Minnesota Company, or, if in his favor, by the Minnesota Company to him. They also pray further relief. It was the manifest intention of the Minnesota Company to seek a decree in this suit only upon hypothesis of the nullity of the Cleveland judgment, and the prayer for particular relief was framed accordingly. We are also informed by the counsel for the Minnesota company and for Graham and Scott, as well as by the counsel for Chamberlain, that there is now pending in the Circuit Court of the United States for the District of Wisconsin a suit, brought by the company against Chamberlain, for the direct object of setting aside the contract between Chamberlain and the La Crosse company. In disposing of the cause before us, therefore, we shall not inquire whether that contract was or was not one which the Company could legally make, nor whether the contract and the judgment were or were not in law void absolutely or as against creditors only. These matters may be better and more regularly investigated and passed upon in the cause now before the Circuit Court, and, if necessary, upon appeal from the decision in that cause. At present we shall only inquire into the effect of the decree of the District Court upon the article of agreement and the judgment which it declared to be void. We have seen already that, according to the allegation of the Minnesota Company, in their bill now before us, the issue between Cleveland, the complainant, and the La Crosse Company and Chamberlain, the respondents in the cause in which that decree was made, was upon the question whether the agreement and judgment were or were not void as against Cleveland and his judgment. The decree was evidently intended to determine that issue. It was, as evidently, not intended to determine the question whether the making of the agreement was beyond the corporate powers of the La Crosse Company, for there are no terms which affirm its inherent invalidity without regard to intent. It is our duty to construe the decree with reference to the issue it was meant to decide. Its words are very broad and very emphatic; but we cannot say that they were understood by the district Court to have any greater effect than to avoid and set aside, as against Cleveland, the agreement and the judgment impeached by his bill. We think, on the contrary, that a decree having such an effect could not have been properly rendered upon the pleadings and issue in that cause. Neither the La Crosse Company nor Chamberlain sought to avoid the agreement or the judgment, nor asked any relief whatever as against each other. Indeed, the case shows that both regarded the agreement and the judgment as essential to their respective interests. We cannot suppose that it was the intention, by a decree on such pleadings, to annul such an arrangement as between the parties to it, nor could we approve such action even were the intent clear beyond question. No question was made between Chamberlain and the La Crosse Company, nor could any question arise between them of any such nature as that between those parties and Cleveland, nor could they be required, in a suit prosecuted by Cleveland to enforce satisfaction of his judgment by setting aside their arrangement as void against creditors, to submit that arrangement, as between themselves, to the action of the Court. It is true that it is the constant practice of Courts of equity to decree between codefendants upon proofs, and under pleadings between plaintiffs and defendants, while being the respective claims and rights of such codefendants between themselves under judicial cognizance. In the case of Farquharson *vs.* Seton, 5 Russell, 45, the pleadings showed that Farquharson, as a codefendant with Seton in another suit, had, by answer, set up the same case against him that he afterward set up by bill. In the former suit the decree had been against Farquharson, and he afterward sought to renew the litigation by an original proceeding, and it was held properly that the former decree, though between codefendants, was a bar. So in the case of *Cholmeley* vs. *Lord Dunsany*, 2 Schoales and Lefroy, 718, the general litigation was for the settling and marshaling of incumbrances, and it was held that where a case was made out between defendants, by evidence arising from pleadings and proofs between plaintiffs and defendants, a Court of Equity was entitled to decree between the defendants. In this case the decree was between defendants who asserted adverse interests in the encumbered estate. But neither of these cases assert the doctrine maintained here by the appellants, that a Court of Equity may decree between defendants when neither pleadings nor proofs show any controversy or adverse interest between them. Nor have we been referred to any case which does assert that doctrine. We think, therefore, that the decree of the District Court in the case of Cleveland against the La Crosse Company and Chamberlain must be regarded as having made void the arrangement between the Company and Chamberlain only as against the judgment creditor, Cleveland, and not as having determined anything between those parties. Nor do we intend here to determine anything as between them. We leave all questions concerning the validity of Chamberlain's judgment and its lien on the railroad, or touching the validity of the articles of agreement between Chamberlain and the La Crosse Company, or relating to the rights of parties in or to Chamberlain's receipts under that agreement, to be investigated and determined in the suit now pending in the Circuit Court. Nor do we understand the decrees dismissing the bills in the two cases before us as determining anything on either of these points, but only as determining that the Cleveland decree adjudged nothing between Chamberlain and the La Crosse Company, and, therefore, cannot be regarded as evidence of the annulment of the contract between them in another suit, where the validity of the contract is directly in controversy. In one of the cases before us, (that of Graham and Scott *vs.* The La Crosse Company and Chamberlain,) there are averments in the bill which would require an answer if the general structure and the special prayer of the bill and the absence of a general prayer did not show that in this case, as in the case of the Minnesota Company, the real object of the suit was to establish the Cleveland decree as an absolute bar to the assertion by Chamberlain of any right whatever under his agreement and judgment. We do not think it such a bar, and therefore, without prejudice to any suit, which is now pending, or may be hereafter brought, to determine any other controversy of the La Crosse Company, or its creditors, or of its successors in right or interest, we shall affirm the decrees of the Circuit Court in the two cases now before us by appeal.

Court Calendar—This Day.

SUPREME COURT CHAMBERS—Held by Justice CLERKE.—Court opens at 10 A. M. Nos. 7, 18, 27, 40, 45, 56, 65, 69, 74, 75. The general call commences at No. 76.

SUPERIOR COURT, SPECIAL TERM—Held by Justice MONELL.—During the Summer vacation this Branch will be held from 12 M. to 2 P. M.

COMMON PLEAS, CHAMBERS AND SPECIAL TERM, will be held during the month of July by Judge BRADY.

The Question of Emigration to Brazil.

LETTER FROM PROF. AGASSIZ.

The Anglo-Brazilian *Times* publishes the following:

AT SEA OFF THE ISLAND OF GAIVOZAS, March 27, 1866.

MY DEAR FRIEND: At last I find a moment to answer your inquiries regarding foreign emigration into Brazil. Before entering upon such details as I deem necessary for the clear explanation of my views on this subject, allow me to make some reflections on emigration in general, and to point out certain distinctions, essential, as it seems to me, to a just appreciation of the question. In this day emigration is not what it was twenty years ago. Then the emigrant was generally a political refugee flying, he and his, from a more or less oppressive civil persecution. What he sought was a safe asylum and protection. His *country* was still the land where he was born.

To-day emigration is more voluntary and more deliberate. The emigrant generally leaves his home in order to ameliorate his lot, and to associate himself with the destinies of a new world. What he seeks is a new country offering him advantages superior to those he has hitherto known. To look upon the emigrant as mercenary is generally to do him an injustice. It is because in the United States the value of the individual man is fully recognized the tide of emigration under all forms has poured towards her shores. With this order of things, a country which establishes distinctions unfavorable to the new comer will hope in vain to attract a numerous emigration; in my judgment Brazil would deceive herself as to the future if she indulges the hope of speedy progress in an active and intelligent emigration, without having previously abolished restrictions which still weigh heavily upon the stranger who comes to establish himself upon her soil. Let no one delude himself in this respect; that which the emigrant seeks is that which generally is least easily conceded; absolute equality with the inhabitant of older date and even with the descendant of the oldest races.

I would add further that I have observed in Brazil certain administrative customs, principally touching the acquisition of real estate and the intervention of authority in the affairs of private individuals, which, until they are fundamentally modified, must remain an invincible obstacle to emigration on a large scale. I allude especially to the delays and formalities attending the entrance into possession, or practical occupation of land, and which, in the eyes of a stranger, are tantamount to his complete exclusion. The emigrant ought to be able to take possession of the ground between to-day and to-morrow, for he rarely has the means of waiting. The political beliefs which should rather stimulate him to establish himself upon any territory not yet occupied, guaranteeing to him a right to any improvements he may make even upon soil which does not yet belong to him.

Another great difficulty arises from the arbitrary manner in which the subordinate officers interfere in the affairs of individuals. I do not know how far the Brazilian, born in the country, feels the necessity of the support and counsels, direct or indirect, of the public administration in his private affairs; but I do know positively that in our days the emigrant fears nothing so much as all which may be considered tutelage; still more when this tutelage takes the form occasionally of petty tyranny. He generally leaves his own country to escape from this very thing, and will certainly not choose as the land of his adoption one where it would pursue him even unto his private transactions.

The opening of the Amazons will no doubt bring to its borders a number of industrious and enterprising men; but a great emigration such as rapidly increases a population will never gather there as long as the order of things exists which I have observed in the provinces of Para and Amazonas. And yet I have pleasure in repeating that, whatever may be said to the contrary in Europe, I know no country in the world richer, more attractive, more fertile, more salubrious, more fit to be the focus of a numerous population, than this magnificent valley of the Amazonas.

I am, &c., LOUIS AGASSIZ.

Commerce of Baltimore—Exports and Imports, Immigration, &c.

From the Baltimore Sun, July 2.

There has been more than usual activity in the commerce of Baltimore during the month of June just ended. The arrivals from foreign ports numbered 61, viz., 8 steamships, 8 ships, 12 barks, 29 brigs and 10 schooners. Of these, 31 were under the American flag, 19 British, 7 Bremen, 1 Italian, 1 Hamburg, 1 Prussian and 1 Norwegian. Included in the foreign arrivals were 38 vessels ladened with sugar and molasses, bringing an aggregate of 9,463 hogsheads, 3,917 boxes, 4,803 barrels and 288 tierces sugar, and 1,057 hogsheads, 18 barrels, 89 tierces, 1,040 tanks and 571 puncheons molasses. Of these, 15 were from Cuba, with 3,348 hogsheads, 3,917 boxes, 513 barrels and 108 tierces sugar, and 883 hogsheads and 89 tierces molasses; 14 were from Porto Rico, with 4,681 hogsheads and 891 barrels sugar, and 134 hogsheads and 159 casks molasses; 6 were from Demarara, with 1,125 hogsheads, 1,364 barrels and 85 tierces sugar, and 98 puncheons molasses; 2 were from Port Spain, with 190 hogsheads, 35 barrels and 81 tierces sugar, and 18 barrels and 473 puncheons molasses; and 1 from Barbadoes, with 119 hogsheads and 19 tierces sugar and 40 hogsheads molasses. The receipts of coffee were 7,733 bags from Rio de Janei o, 350 bags from Rotterdam, and 211 bags from Bremen. Several of the arrivals were from Liverpool and Bremen, with large assorted cargoes, some two or three with cargoes of fresh fruit from the Mediterranean and the Bahamas, and also from Havana and from the guano islands and British Provinces.

The foreign clearances during the month numbered 46, viz.: 4 steamships, 4 ships, 13 barks, 15 brigs and 10 schooners. Of these 19 were under the American flag, 15 British, 3 Italian, 2 Prussian, 2 Hanoverian, 2 Bremen, 1 Hamburg, 1 Holland, and 1 Norwegian. The destinations of these vessels were, with 2 to Rio de Janeiro, 5 to Cuba, 4 to Porto Rico, 5 to the British West Indies, 4 to England, 4 to Demarara, 5 to Nova Scotia, 2 to Amsterdam, 2 to Nassau, N. P., and one each to Bremen, Hamburg, Ireland, Antwerp, Havre, Quebec, Rotterdam, Bordeaux and Barbadoes. The principal articles exported by these vessels were 14,074 barrels flour, 1,761 barrels corn meal, 97,983 bushels corn, 5,326 hogsheads tobacco, 2,235 barrels resin, 511 bags bark, 303,174 gallons petroleum, 15,000 gallons kerosene, and 2,700 gallons coal oil. Besides the above, there have been large shipments of provisions, lumber, staves, heading, &c., to Cuba, Porto Rico, and other ports. The total value of articles exported to foreign ports during the month may be safely set down as but little short of $1,000,000.

The receipts of Southern staples by sea, with the exception of naval stores, have been rather light during the month. Of cotton, the receipts amounted to 1,187 bales, of which 795 bales were from Savanah, 364 bales from Norfolk, 149 bales from Charleston, 161 bales from Wilmington, N. C., 58 bales from other North Carolina ports, and 24 bales from Richmond. Of naval stores there were received 3,350 barrels resin and 660 barrels turpentine from Wilmington, N. C.; 143 barrels resin and 108 barrels turpentine from Norfolk, and 25 barrels resin from Petersburgh. Of tobacco, the receipts were 1,187 packages and 140 hogsheads from Richmond, 146 cases and 25 hogsheads from Petersburgh, and 66 cases and 11 hogsheads from Norfolk. Beside the above there have been considerable receipts of wool, feathers, shingles, lumber, &c.

The arrivals of immigrants from Europe during the month numbered 2,151, viz.: By the steamship *Carroll*, from Liverpool, 150; by the ship *Admiral*, 319; *Johan Wilhelmina*, 406; *Freiderich*, 353; *Industrie*, 339; *Gutenberg*, 300, and *Meridian*, 284—all from Bremen. All these passengers were landed in good health, there having been no serious case of sickness on board any of the vessels during the passage. The greater portion of these people were dispatched to the West immediately on their arrival by the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, while some few remain here, employed as agriculturists, &c. A number of the passengers that came over in the *Carroll*, from Liverpool, at once proceeded to the mineral regions of Maryland and Pennsylvania, where steady and remunerative employment awaited them.

Negroes in Georgia.

Hon. J. G. GIBSON, in a recent charge to the Grand Jury of Oglethorpe County, Ga., made these remarks:

"It is needless, gentlemen, for me to inform you that the rights of persons of color in our courts of law are not now so restricted as formerly, which is apparent from the second section of an act of our last Legislature, defining the term "person of color," and declaring the rights of such persons. Their rights of person and property under this act are placed upon the same footing with the white race. This is a regulation to which we are unaccustomed, and to which we and our ancestors have ever been conscientiously opposed; to prevent which—in the honest conviction that we were endeavoring to keep them in the sphere designated for them by nature's God—we have spilled our own blood and treasure; but to quote from a very distinguished Georgian: "The case has been carried before the high Court of Appeals; both parties were ably represented; the issue has been decided by wager of battle; the judgment is against us; we have already paid the costs, and the bill of costs," and the law, to which we have just referred, is the result, and while it may require a large share of moral courage to enable us to withstand the incursions of prejudice, deeply instilled in our minds and hearts from our infancy by our fathers and our Bibles, it nevertheless becomes us, as a brave people with honor unstermished, to inforce, "without respect to persons," the laws which have been enacted at our own bidding by our own representatives. To this I am bound by my oath which you, by your suffrages, invited me to take upon myself and keep inviolate on my part. "Thou shalt not forswear thyself" is the rule that shall govern me in the discharge of my official duties.

The evidence of "persons of color," in the language of the statutes, "is admissible in all civil cases where a free person of color is a party, and in all civil cases where a person of color is defendant or wherein the offence charged is a crime or misdemeanor against the person or property of a free person of color."

The Heggie Murder Case.

A correspondent of the Syracuse *Courier* gives the following account of the trial of Mrs. HEGGIE, at Cortland, for the murder of her two daughters. The parties resided in Tompkins County, and the trial was had in Cortland, for the reason that no jury could be found in the county where the alleged crime was committed. The murders were committed at Ithaca, some two years since. On Tuesday morning the prisoner, Mrs. HEGGIE, was brought into Court, a feeble, pale, haggard and tremulous woman, having been incarcerated for over two years. Her former prepossessing in appearance, with a high, full forehead, blue eyes, and firm arched mouth. It appears that on the 15th of June, 1864, CHARLOTTE HEGGIE and MARY HEGGIE, two beautiful and highly accomplished daughters of ISAAC HEGGIE, were living at home with their father in Ithaca. Mrs. HEGGIE was the mother of fourteen children; was a pleasant woman, and of high nervous temperament, and of late years conceived the delusion that her two daughters were trying to usurp her household. Her home was her heaven, and her husband her pride, and the delusive usurpation operated so much upon her that she treated her daughters with disrespect, and their neglect of her and her husband's coolness to her, and his increasing attention to his children, drove Mrs. HEGGIE to desperation, which at times exhibited itself in the most cruel form. MARY died suddenly. No one suspected her then of being poisoned. A year after, CHARLOTTE died in the same manner, and from the fact that Mrs. HEGGIE purchased arsenic on Friday, Saturday and Monday, at three drug stores in Ithaca, during CHARLOTTE's illness, Mrs. HEGGIE was suspected and arrested after CHARLOTTE's death and burial. MARY was exhumed, and an analysis of chemists revealed arsenic in the stomachs of MARY and CHARLOTTE. Indignation ran so high against the prisoner in Tompkins County that a full jury could not be impannelled, and the venue was changed to Cortland. The case made against the prisoner was a strong circumstantial one. In the case of CHARLOTTE strong doubts were raised. Her liver was affected by disease sufficiently to cause death, while it is known that arsenic will only operate upon the stomach and bowels. Further, CHARLOTTE had just released a young man, at his request, from an engagement of marriage, and was melancholy over it. It was proved also that nearly all the family had purchased arsenic for one purpose or another, perhaps to "whiten" themselves, for "rats," or to feed each other, as there appeared to be an eternal dissension in the family in some way. Mrs. HEGGIE's ancestors were proved to have been deranged. Mr. HEGGIE was in Court but took no action, unless "on the sly," with the prosecution. A daughter, about 14 years old, sat near her mother, but looked at her scornfully. Mrs. HEGGIE's brother defends her, and his wife and other relatives manifested the greatest affection and tenderness for the prisoner. They believe her to be a wronged and neglected woman, and that, if she is guilty, insanity prompted her to commit the wicked deed. Mrs. HEGGIE was convicted by the Jury.

An Extraordinary Legacy.

From the Hartford Courant, June 27.

The fickleness of fortune is well illustrated in the experience of a worthy family in this city, who have suddenly found themselves raised from that condition in society where people are said to live "in moderate circumstances," to the highest pinnacle of wealth. The facts are these: Mrs. ELY WALKER, resident at No. 100 Maple-avenue, is a womaff by English birth. Her husband (who is a machinist by trade) and herself have resided here a number of years, and have several children. It was reported some months ago that a large property valued at $35,000,000, had fallen to Mrs. WALKER's father, as a direct heir, and he being dead, that the whole amount belonged to her as his only child. Steps were at once taken to ascertain the truth of this report, and ex-Gov. T. H. SEYMOUR was employed to investigate. The result of his investigation is entirely favorable to Mrs. WALKER, documents having been received which will show beyond question that she will come in possession of this immense property, and she, together with her husband and children, will start for England next week to receive the golden egg. It is said that upon the full settlement of all matters connected with this extraordinary "streak of luck," Mrs. WALKER will return to Hartford and make her permanent residence here. Rumor has it that she will erect upon some eligible site a magnificent mansion, following the style of the grand villas and castles of Merry England, which shall excel in grandeur the most costly of American palaces. But she is said to be a woman of good sense, and will not place herself beyond the reach of those who have been her friends during the years she has lived here; already we learn that it is her purpose to make one family at least, in whom she has a personal interest, independent, and we shall probably be called upon hereafter to chronicle other charitable deeds which her generosity will prompt.

New Improvement in Firearms—Meigs' System of Breech-Loading Rifles.

From the Washington Star.

The great number of good breech-loading rifles heretofore produced would almost lead one to suppose that perfection had been reached, and that no new plan could be devised; but Capt. J. V. MEIGS, of this city, has devised a system which does away with many objections made to guns which have preceded him, and which, in addition, delivers the piece to turn out, pull back, turn up or down, and has introduced a sliding guard principle, which renders it possible to load and unload the piece without increasing its size, or without half-cocking it, and with the hammer down. The exploded shell is extracted without changing the position of the piece by which grasps the neck of the shell. He has produced a vertical motion of the breech-plug by a horizontal motion of the guard, and within the short space of one and three-eighths inches. We have seen this improvement on a Springfield rifle severely tested, by having its parts clogged with sand, and by its peculiar reciprocating movement clear itself with but a few strokes of the arm. The same principle is now being applied by the inventor to a magazine gun capable of firing fifty shots before replenishing the magazine, and without taking down from the shoulder, with entire safety to the operator and security from danger of explosion by impact of cartridge in the magazine.

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SERIOUS CUTTING AFFRAY ON SHIPBOARD IN SAN FRANCISCO HARBOR.—About 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon Officers Brown and Noak, of the Harbor Police, noticed the signal for assistance flying on the ship *Seminole*, which lay in the stream about sailing for New-York. On their arrival on board they found the first mate, Mr. BUSH, badly cut off the back of the head, but not dangerously injured; the second mate, Mr. NICHOLS, very dangerously cut in the abdomen; and the third mate, Mr. GARDINER, quite seriously but not fatally stabbed; while two sailors, C. J. PETERSON and JAMES BELL, *alias* Saudy, who are charged with doing the cutting, were badly bruised and cut about the head and on the hands by being beaten with clubs or belaying pins and handspikes. The wounded men were taken on board the United States war steamer *Saranac*, which lay near by, through the kindness of Acting Master WILLIAMS. Their wounds were dressed by Surgeon MACK, and the second and third mates, who were most severely injured, were sent to the Marine Hosp tal. The sailors, PETERSON and BELL, were arrested, and taken to the Caboose, but no charge was preferred against them, as the result of the wounds given could not be known for a day or two. The officers report the affair as one of mutiny, without a single extenuating circumstance. On the other hand, the sailor PETERSON claims that he was forced into the difficulty, and that it was in self-defence that he came before as a sailor, a few days since, on the *Premier*, and BELL on the *Prima Donna*. BELL came on board on Friday, and PETERSON on Saturday morning, having shipped for New-York. PETERSON says he was hazed all day by the second mate, and struck, about noon, by the second and third mates, when he was fixing his things in his trunk in the forecastle. He was on deck forward when the final difficulty commenced, and says that the second mate came to him and told him to go down on his face on the deck, or he would kill him. NICHOLS advanced toward him with an iron pin, at which he drew a knife and told him to "drop it," which he did. PETERSON says he then turned to go to his duty, when NICHOLS sprang after him and dealt him a stunning blow with the pin, which he caught up again, telling him to the deck. He says he was so stunned by this blow that he only recollects dimly what took place afterward. He says he drew his knife with an idea of defending himself, and does not know who he hit or how he hit him. BELL says that he saw one of the parties give PETERSON a slash with a hatchet in the back of the head, and ran to his relief, thinking that murder was being committed. BELL and PETERSON are not acquaintances.—*San Francisco Alta, June 5.*

A NEW MEDICINE FOR WORMS.—On Thursday or Friday last, a woman named KEARNEY, residing on Buffalo-street, came near putting an end to the existence of her child, a boy 11 years of age, by administering to him three "Pharaoh serpents' eggs" for worms, with which the child was afflicted. Mrs. KEARNEY, it appears, on the day mentioned, was engaged in cleaning house for a lady residing in Centre Park. In rummaging the house she discovered a box of the eggs, and reading "serpents" on the cover, she at once concluded that they were pills—medicine for worms—and she pocketed three of them. These she gave to the child, who soon commenced vomiting, throwing up blood, and was made very sick. The alarmed mother ran to the house where she had been working, and asked if there was poison in those "pills." She was told they contained deadly poison, and without another word she ran for Dr. SHIPMAN, who repaired to her house, and by promptly administering antidotes, it is believed has saved the child's life. It was very low last evening. It will be a great wonder if the child lives.—Mrs. KEARNEY says she intended to tell the lady for whom she worked that she had taken three pills from a box in her bureau, but did not do so.—*Rochester Democrat, June 26.*

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BUY AND SELL ON COMMISSION GOVERNMENT SECURITIES, RAILROAD STOCKS AND BONDS, STATE AND CITY BONDS, AMERICAN GOLD, EXCHANGE, STOCKS, BONDS, STOCKS AND SCRIP, MINING AND PETROLEUM STOCKS.

INTEREST ALLOWED ON DEPOSITS.

ROMAN LOAN.

AMERICAN ISSUE—FOUR MILLION DOLLARS.

To insure the Treasury of the Holy See complete independence during the negotiations pending between the Governments of France and Italy for the liquidation of the Papal State debt, His Holiness, Pope Pius IX., by Pontifical Act of the 11th of April, 1866, decreed the emission by subscription of the loan now offered to the public.

Although former loans have commanded nearly par, His Holiness, in view of the present condition of monetary matters, not wishing to impose a sacrifice upon those willing to assist him in surmounting his present temporary embarrassments, as well as to present inducements to capital, has decided to issue this loan at sixty-six (66) dollars gold for the one hundred dollar gold bond.

The bonds, payable to bearer, are 500 francs, or $100, (gold,) each bearing 5 per cent. interest per annum, in gold, the coupons payable semi-annually, on the 1st of January and the 1st of October, at New-York, Philadelphia and New-Orleans, at the current rate of exchange. The issue, being at $66, (gold,) will give more than 7½ per cent. interest on the investment.

From 1870, $13,000 will be annually appropriated for the purchase of the bonds; the amount of interest of those canceled will be applied to the further reduction of the debt.

It is believed that this loan will commend itself to capitalists generally, and undoubtedly will to all good Catholics having at heart a desire to prove that His Holiness never addresses himself to them in vain.

No investment can present greater security than one guaranteed, as this is, by the pledged faith of a State which has always punctually fulfilled every engagement of the Pontifical Head.

Subscriptions received and coupons paid at the following banking houses:

Messrs. Edward Blount & Co., Paris, France.
Messrs. Duncan, Sherman & Co., Nassau-st., corner Pine, New-York.
Messrs. Drexel & Co., No. 34 South 3d-st., Philadelphia.
Messrs. ——, New-Orleans.

Subscriptions also received by Mr. JOHN B. MURRAY, No. 18 Nassau-st., New-York.

Mr. Robert Murphy being the bearer to us of introductory letters from the Apostolic Nuncio at Paris, we feel authorized to commend most earnestly the objects of his mission to the reverend clergy and faithful of our diocese.

Given at New-York this 23d day of June, A. D., 1866.
JOHN, Archbishop of New-York.

The venerable Catholic clergy throughout the United States and the Canadas (to expedite this good work) will please receive subscriptions, and the amount thereof and forward the same, by draft or express, to the Central Office, at the banking house of Duncan, Sherman & Co., and all the subscription lists, with the names of receipt of which the bonds will be immediately transmitted to them.

ROBERT MURPHY, Agent.

THE MERCANTILE AGENCY REFERENCE BOOK.

The subscribers beg to announce that they will issue, on THURSDAY, the 5th of July, a new and closely corrected volume of their

REFERENCE BOOK.

This issue contains the names of over a quarter of a million of the merchants, traders and manufacturers of the United States, estimated as to the capital of each, and INDICATION OF THEIR GENERAL CREDIT STANDING.

Sample copies and terms of subscription made known at the head office, Nos. 208 and 210 Broadway.

R. G. DUN & CO.
THE MERCANTILE AGENCY, NEW-YORK, June 30.

OFFICE BELLEFONTAINE AND INDIANA RAILROAD COMPANY,
INDIANAPOLIS, June 26, 1866.

$300,000 LOAN.

Proposals will be received by the undersigned until noon of the 16th day of July next, at the Union Trust Company's Office, 73 Broadway, New York, for $300,000 of the First Mortgage Bonds of the Bellefontaine and Indiana Railroad Company.

These bonds are issued in sums of $1,000 each, and are a part of a first mortgage debt of $791,000, and the only debt on the road and property for 91 miles in length. All other indebtedness is paid, or provided for by the deposit of United States securities.

For further information inquire at the office of the Union Trust Company. A. STONE, JR., Trustee.

NOTICE TO STOCKHOLDERS.

OFFICE OF THE CINCINNATI, HAMILTON AND DAYTON RAILROAD COMPANY,
CINCINNATI, June 19, 1866.

The Stockholders of this Company are hereby notified that a meeting of them will be held at this office on TUESDAY, the 17th of July, 1866, between the hours of 10 A. M. and 1 P. M., to vote upon the question of an increase of the capital stock of the Company five hundred thousand dollars. By order of the Board of Directors.

F. H. SHORT, Secretary.

AUGUST BELMONT & CO

BANKERS,
No. 50 Wall-st.,

Issue letters of credit for Travellers' use in Europe, through the Messrs. Rothschild, Paris, London, Frankfort, Vienna, Naples, and their correspondents.

AGENCY OF THE ROMAN LOAN.

One hundred dollar gold bonds ready for delivery at sixty-six dollar gold each.
JOHN B. MURRAY, Authorized Agent,
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BROWN BROTHERS & CO.,

NO. 56 WALL-ST.,

ISSUE COMMERCIAL AND TRAVELERS' CREDITS FOR USE IN THIS COUNTRY AND ABROAD.

OFFICE OF THE PEOPLE'S FIRE INSURANCE CO.,
NEW-YORK, June 28, 1866.

AT THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR DIRECTORS of this Company, held on Tuesday, the 19th inst., the following-named gentlemen were elected for the ensuing year:

JOHN W. LEWIS, JOHN O. MORE,
MATTHIAS CLARK, MATTHIAS BLOODGOOD
CROWELL ADAMS, ELIPHALET BOOTMAN,
THOMAS WILLIAMS, ABRAHAM R. VAN NEST,
ALFRED BALDWIN, GEORGE NORRIS,
WILLIAM MOIR, PETER R. CHRISTIE,
CHRISTOPHER GWYER, JOSEPH B. MILLER,
SIMON SHINDLER, SAMUEL RAYNOR,
JOHN P. YELVERTON, JOHN L. HASSINCLICK,
JAMES S. LEWIS, THOMAS J. BLANCK,
SOLOMON BANTA, ABRAHAM LEGGETT,
CHARLES F. HUNTER, HENRY DAVID,
HENRY S. TERBELL, J. G. BLAUVELT,
JAMES E. HEDGES, PETER J. SCHULTZ,
CORNELIUS STEPHENS, ALBERT MANN,
HENRY BRUNER, JOHN F. VAN RIPER,
WILLIAM HERTZELL, JOSEPH H. WOOD.
GEORGE WARNER,

And at a subsequent meeting of the Board, held on Friday, June the 22d inst., MATTHIAS CLARK was unanimously reelected President.

WM. S. MARTIN, Secretary.

AT THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE Stockholders of the Metropolitan Public Conveyance Company

Daniel D. T. Marshall, Wm. C. Martin,
Allen Monroe, E. P. Beach,
Charles E. Noble, G. M. Van Hosen,
Spencer K. Green, Thomas E. Stewart,
Darius Clark,

were elected Directors for the ensuing year.

At a subsequent meeting of the Board, D. D. T. Marshall was elected President; Spencer K. Green, Vice-President; G. M. Van Hosen, Secretary; Wm. C. Martin, Treasurer, and Wm. H. Albertson, General Superintendent; and Darius Clark, Thos. E. Stewart, and E. P. Beach, Executive Committee.

JOHN HANNA, Secretary pro tem.

NEW-YORK, July 2, 1866.

NOTICE.—NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN IN CONformity with the provisions of an act of the Legislature of the State of New-Jersey, in such cases made and provided, that all persons claiming notes of the BURLINGTON BANK, in the City of Burlington, and State aforesaid, must be presented for redemption at the Mechanics' National Bank, in said City and State, or at the Philadelphia National Bank, in the City of Philadelphia, or at the Park National Bank, in the City of New-York, within one year from this date, or that the funds held by said Bank for the redemption of such notes will be distributed among the stockholders of said bank.

Dated May 1, 1866. JOSEPH ASKEW, President.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT, June 26, 1866.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO THE HOLDERS of Certificates of Indebtedness, issued under acts of Congress approved March 1 and 17, 1862, that the Secretary of the Treasury, in accordance with said acts and the tenor of said certificates, is prepared to redeem, before maturity, all Certificates of Indebtedness falling due after Aug. 31, 1866, with accrued interest thereon, if presented for redemption before July 15, 1866, and that thereafter such certificates *will cease to bear interest*, and will be paid on presentation to the Department, with interest only to said 15th of July.

H. McCULLOCH, Secretary.

NEW-YORK, July 2, 1866.

TO THE HOLDERS OF THE FIRST Mortgage bonds of the Cumberland Coal and

SHIPPING.

ONLY DIRECT LINE TO FRANCE.

THE GENERAL TRANSATLANTIC COMPANY'S MAIL STEAMSHIPS BETWEEN NEW-YORK AND HAVRE, CALLING AT BREST.

The splendid new vessels on this favorite route for the Continent will sail from Pier No. 50 North River, as follows:

LAFAYETTE.....SATURDAY, July 14
PEREIRE.....DUCHESNE.....SATURDAY, July 21
VILLE DE PARIS.....SATURDAY, July 28
EUROPE.....LAMARTE.....SATURDAY, Aug. 11

PRICE OF PASSAGE IN GOLD.

First cabin, $135; second cabin, $80, including table wine in either class.

The steamers of this line do not carry steerage passengers.

Passengers intending to land at Brest will be furnished here with railroad coupon tickets, and their baggage checked to Paris, at an additional charge of $5 for first and $3 for second class.

Medical attendance free of charge.

EXTRA STEAMERS, alternating with the mail line, and at lower rates, are appointed to sail for Havre direct.

VERA CRUZ...Capt. BELLARD.....Saturday, Aug. 4
TAMPICO.....Capt. GILBERT PIERRE.Saturday, Aug. 18
FLORIDE.....RATES OF PASSAGE, IN GOLD.....Saturday, Sept. 15

Chief cabin, including wine.....$80
Steerage, with superior fare.....60
For further information, apply to
GEO. MACKENZIE, Agent,
No. 58 Broadway.

THE BRITISH AND NORTH AMERICAN ROYAL MAIL STEAMSHIPS.

BETWEEN NEW-YORK AND LIVERPOOL, CALLING AT CORK HARBOR.

AND

BETWEEN BOSTON AND LIVERPOOL, CALLING AT HALIFAX AND CORK HARBOR.

CHINA leaves Boston Wednesday, July 4.
JAVA leaves New-York Saturday, July 7.
CUBA leaves Boston Wednesday, July 11.
PERSIA leaves New-York Saturday, July 14.
AFRICA leaves New-York Wednesday, July 25.
SCOTIA leaves Boston Wednesday, August 1.
leaves New-York Wednesday, August 8.

FROM NEW-YORK TO LIVERPOOL.

Chief Cabin Passage.....$132 50
FROM BOSTON TO LIVERPOOL.
Chief Cabin Passage.....$130 00
Second Cabin Passage.....80 00
FROM NEW-YORK TO HAVRE.
Chief Cabin Passage.....$112 50
Second Cabin Passage.....65 00

payable in gold, or its equivalent in United States currency.

Berths not secured until paid for.

An experienced surgeon on board.

The owners of these ships will not be accountable for specie or valuables unless bills of lading, having the value expressed, are signed therefor.

For freight or passage, apply to
E. CUNARD, No. 4 Bowling-green.

PANAMA, NEW-ZEALAND AND AUSTRALIAN ROYAL MAIL COMPANY.

OPENING OF STEAM COMMUNICATION BETWEEN NEW-YORK AND AUSTRALASIA VIA PANAMA.

The service of the above Company will be commenced from Panama to Wellington, New-Zealand, on the 24th June by the steamship KAKAIA, followed by the KAIKOURA on the 24th July.

Passengers and goods will be forwarded from Wellington to Auckland, Otago, Nelson, Canterbury, Sydney, Melbourne, and other parts of New-Zealand and Australia, by the Company's Inter-Colonial steamers.

Arrangements are in progress for the conveyance of passengers and goods, from New-York, at through fares and rates to all the principal ports in the Australasian Colonies.

The opening voyages of the Company's ships in connection with those of the Pacific Mail Steamship Company will be as follows:

OUTWARD.

From New-York, June 11.
From Panama, June 24.
From Wellington, N. Z., July 21.
Arriving at Sydney, July 29.

TIME.

From New-York to Wellington, 40 days.
From Panama to Wellington, 28 days.
To Sydney or Melbourne, 8 days additional.

HOMEWARD.

From Sydney, 31st May or June 1.
From Wellington, N. Z., June 3.
From Galle, (Aspinwall,) July 12.
Arriving at New-York, July 30.

TIME.

Wellington to New-York, 42 days.
Wellington to Panama, 28 days.
From Sydney or Melbourne, 8 days additional.

The service will be continued monthly in unison with the foregoing dates.

Particulars of fares and freight on application to New-York or Melbourne.

Pacific Mail Steamship Company's Office,
Panama, May 23, 1866. WM. G. SEALY, Agent.

NATIONAL STEAM NAVIGATION CO.

(Limited.)
NEW-YORK TO LIVERPOOL,
Calling at Queenstown to land passengers.

Ships.	Tons.	Commanders.
ENGLAND	3,456	Vance.
SCOTLAND	3,668	Hall.
VIRGINIA	3,510	Prowse.
THE QUEEN	3,510	Ogilvie.
ERIN	3,317	Grogan.
PENNSYLVANIA	3,372	Cutting.
LOUISIANA	2,165	Lewis.
DENMARK	3,117	Thompson
FRANCE	3,100	(Building)

Leaving Pier No. 47, North River, as follows:

PENNSYLVANIA.....SATURDAY, July 7
SCOTLAND.....SATURDAY, July 14
VIRGINIA.....SATURDAY, July 21
DENMARK.....SATURDAY, July 28

AND EVERY SATURDAY THEREAFTER.

The size of these steamships admits of very spacious state rooms, all opening directly into the saloon, and somewhat lower than by any other line.

An experienced Surgeon on each ship free of charge.

Steerage passage at low rates. Tickets to bring parties from Liverpool or Queenstown for sale on favorable terms.

Drafts for any amount issued on any Bank in Great Britain and Ireland at the lowest rates.

Passage by the Wednesday's steamers: First cabin, $100; steerage, $35. Payable in United States currency.

Passage also engaged and tickets issued to Havre, Hamburg, Bremen, &c., at moderate rates.

Steerage passage from Liverpool or Queenstown, $30; or the equivalent. Tickets can be bought here by persons sending for their friends.

For further information apply at the Company's Offices.

JOHN G. DALE, Agent. No. 15 Broadway, New-York.

LIVERPOOL, GLASGOW AND THE Irish ports. The favorite passenger steamers of the ANCHOR LINE

BRITANNIA.....SATURDAY, July 14
HIBERNIA.....SATURDAY, July 28

Rates of passage, payable in currency, to Liverpool, Glasgow, Belfast, Derry or Dublin: Cabins, $80, $90; steerage, $30. Prepaid certificates from these ports to New-York, $30. To Hamburgh, Havre, Antwerp, &c., $70; steerage, $30. For further information, apply at the Company's offices. FRANCIS MACDONALD & CO. Agents,
No. 4 Bowling-green.

FROM NEW-YORK TO LIVERPOOL, CALLING AT QUEENSTOWN.—An extra Cunard steamer will sail WEDNESDAY, July 4.

TARIFA.....WEDNESDAY, July 4
TRIPOLI.....WEDNESDAY, July 11
ALEPPO.....WEDNESDAY, July 11.

These steamers have very fine accommodations for a few cabin passengers.

Rate of passage $100, gold or its equivalent.

For freight or passage apply to
E. CUNARD, No. 4 Bowling-green.

PASSAGE TO AND FROM GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND by the

CUNARD AND LIVERPOOL PACKETS, sailing every week. Parties wishing to send for friends or remit money to the Old Country can do so on the most favorable terms by applying to
E. CUNARD, No. 4 Bowling-green.
TAPSCOTT BROTHERS & CO.,
No. 88 South-st.

FOR CHARLESTON, S. C.—REGULAR line of LONDON and LIVERPOOL PACKETS.

Pier No. 14, East River, foot of Wall-st. The elegant steamship SARAGOSSA, M. B. CROWELL, commander, is now receiving cargo, and will be dispatched as above on SATURDAY, July 7, at 3 P. M. Unsurpassed accommodations for passengers.

ARTHUR LEARY, No. 73 William-st.

SHIPPING.

FOR HAVANA DIRECT.

The favorite side-wheel steamships EAGLE, E. B. GREENE, Commander, will sail WEDNESDAY, July 11, at 3 o'clock, from Pier No. 4 North River.

For freight or passage apply to
GARRISON & ALLEN, Agents, 5 Bowling-green.

FOR HAVANA DIRECT.

The elegant side-wheel steamship MORRO CASTLE, RICHARD ADAMS, Commander, will sail from Pier No. 4, N. R., on WEDNESDAY, July 4, punctually at 3 o'clock.

Medical attendance free of charge.

For freight or passage apply to
GARRISON & ALLEN, Agents, 5 Bowling-green.

FOR ST. THOMAS AND BRAZIL.

The United States and Brazil Mail Steamship Company will dispatch the elegant side-wheel steamship NORTH AMERICA, L. F. TINKHAM, Commander, for Rio de Janeiro and intermediate ports, on

SATURDAY, July 21,

at 3 o'clock P. M., from Pier No. 42 North River.

For freight or passage apply to
GARRISON & ALLEN, Agents,
No. 5 Bowling-green.

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY'S THROUGH LINE TO CALIFORNIA,

CARRYING UNITED STATES MAIL,
VIA PANAMA RAILROAD.

Steamers leave Pier No. 42 North River, foot of Canal-st., at 12 o'clock noon, as follows:

JUNE 30.—ARIZONA.
CONSTITUTION, Passengers.....GRAY, connecting with
JULY 5.—HENRY CHAUNCEY, Jeff. Mauby, connecting with GOLDEN GATE.....WATKINS.
JULY 11.—NEW-YORK, WEB, connecting SACRAMENTO, GAVERLY.

All despatches must be at Arespinoo; those of 1st and 15th connect at Panama with steamers for South Pacific ports; and 5th for Central American Ports, and those of 1st and 15th for Guaymas.

100 pounds baggage allowed each adult. Medicines and attendance free.

For passage tickets and all further information apply at the office on the wharf, foot of Canal-st. North River, or to E. K. HOLMAN, Agent.

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP CO.

FOR CALIFORNIA, VIA PANAMA.

The steamer HENRY CHAUNCEY will sail on WEDNESDAY, July 11, from the Company's pier, No. 42 North River, foot of Canal-st.

Shippers are notified that we shall not be prepared to receive treasure for this ship until the morning of the sailing.

For further particulars inquire at our office, on Company's pier, and No. 34 Broadway.

WELLS, FARGO & CO.,
Sole Freight Agents P. M. S. S. CO.

FOR NORFOLK, CITY POINT AND RICHMOND.

The new and elegant SIDE-WHEEL steamships HATTERAS, Capt. LA PARISH, every SATURDAY, at 12 M.

ALBEMARLE, Capt. H. A. BOURNE, every WEDNESDAY, at 12 M.

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For freight or passage, having unsurpassed accommodations, apply to
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The OLD LINE, from Pier No. 21, North River.
NIAGARA, Capt. COUCH,
EVERY SATURDAY, at 3 P. M.
SARATOGA, Capt. KING,
EVERY TUESDAY, at 3 P. M.
G. HEINEKEN & PALMORE,
No. 115 Broadway,
Agents New-York and Virginia Steamship Co.

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PEOPLE'S MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.
FIRST CABIN PASSAGE.....THIRTY DOLLARS.
W. B. SOUDER.....Capt. H. LOCKWOOD.

The above splendid steamships will leave every alternately landing cargo at Charleston on Monday morning.

The new and elegant steamship
MONEKA
will leave on THURSDAY, July 5, at 3 o'clock P. M.

For freight or passage, with unsurpassed accommodation, apply to
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Consignees at Charleston, ARCHIBALD, GETTY & CO. All bills of lading signed on board the vessel.

"PIERSON'S LINE STEAMSHIPS" FOR WILMINGTON, N. C.

The first-class steamship
HUNTER,
Capt. WM. H. ROGERS,
Is loading at Pier No. 11, North River.
DAYS, 4, at 3 P. M. Freight taken at the lowest rates.
Bills of lading signed at the office, and every facility offered shippers. Goods shipped by this line to go up Cape Fear River will be forwarded free of charge by Cape Fear steamboats line. Apply to CHAS. H. PIERSON, No. 164 Malden-lane.
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CHANGE OF SAILING DAY.
ATLANTIC COAST MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.
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PIONEER LINE.
The first-class steamship
FERIT,
Capt. E. A. DELANOY,
will leave Pier No. 4 North River, at 3 P. M., on SATURDAY, July 7,
For freight or passage, apply to
LEWIS L. JONES,
No. 13 Broadway.

FOR SAVANNAH, GEORGIA.

The favorite steamship MISSOURI, LOVELAND, Commander, on the Empire Line, will sail SATURDAY, July 7, punctually at 3 P. M., from Pier No. 13 North River. Passenger accommodations unsurpassed.

The steamer GARRISON & ALLEN, No. 5 Bowling-green.

FOR NEW-ORLEANS DIRECT.

The new and elegant side-wheel steamship
GERMAN LIVINGSTON,
J. B. BAKER, Commander,
will leave Pier No. 36 North River on SATURDAY, the 7th, at 3 P. M.

For freight or passage, having most superior accommodations, apply to
LIVINGSTON, FOX & CO.,
No. 88 Liberty-st.

RALEIGH follows on the 19th.
Agents at New-Orleans:
JAMES CONNOLY & CO.

FOR NEW-ORLEANS DIRECT.

The new and first-class steamship SHERIDAN, Capt. J. H. BOUCHARD, will leave Pier No. 9, North River, on SATURDAY, July 7, at 3 P. M. Fine accommodations for passengers.

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H. B. CROMWELL, No. 36 West-st.

NEW-ORLEANS DIRECT.

The New-York Mail steamship Company's steamship MISSISSIPPI will leave on SATURDAY, July 7, at 3 P. M., from the Company's pier, No. 46 North River.

For freight or passage apply to
JAMES A. RAYNOR, No. 10 Barclay-st.

UNITED STATES PASSPORT BUREAU.

—United States passports, indispensable to travel, issued by H. S. MONES, Passport Agent, No. 262 Broadway.

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70 MILES SHORTER THAN ANY OTHER ROUTE.

Leave New-York *via* New-Haven Railroad at 12:15, (noon,) 3 or 8 P. M., or by New-Haven Steamer, Peck Slip, at 3:15 P. M.

On Saturdays the 12:15 train (sleeping cars attached) goes through to the Lake without stop.

Tickets and particulars in Appleton's Railway Guide and Burr's Guide of Connecticut River Valley.

HUDSON RIVER AND HARLEM RAILROADS.—On and after MONDAY, May 14, 1866, trains for Albany and Troy, connecting with Northern and Western trains, will leave New-York as follows:

7:45 A. M. Express train via Hudson River Railroad, 30th-st. and 10th-av., direct to Buffalo and Suspension Bridge without change of cars, and connecting at Troy with trains for Rutland, Burlington and Montreal.

10 A. M. Mail train via Hudson River Railroad, connecting at Albany with Western trains, and at Troy with trains for North.

11 A. M. Express train via Harlem Railroad, 26th-st. and 4th-av., connecting at Chatham with Western Railroad for Lebanon Springs, Pittsfield, etc.; at Albany and Troy with trains for Rutland and Montreal.

3 P. M. Express train via Hudson River Railroad, connecting at Albany with trains for West, and at Troy with trains for Montreal, with sleeping-car attached.

5 P. M. Express train via Harlem Railroad, connecting at Chatham with Western Road for Lebanon Springs and Pittsfield; at Albany with trains for West, and at Troy with trains for Rutland, Burlington and Montreal.

7 P. M. Express train via Hudson River Railroad, with sleeping-cars attached, and through to Buffalo and Suspension Bridge without change of cars. Also sleeping-car every day excepting Saturdays attached from Newburgh, Cornwall and Ogdensburgh without change, via Rome, W. and O. Railroad. This train will run on Sundays. Connection for Troy will be made at East Albany.

11 P. M. Express train via Hudson River Railroad, with sleeping-car attached, arriving at Albany and Troy in the morning, and connecting with trains for North and West.

WM. H. VANDERBILT, Vice-President.

ERIE RAILWAY.—TRAINS LEAVE DEPOT Foot of Chambers-st., Pavonia Ferry:

7:45 A. M.—Express train for Rochester, Buffalo, Salamanca, Dunkirk, and all points West and South.

9:30 A. M.—Way Train daily to Otisville.

10 A. M.—Express Mail, Buffalo, Salamanca and West.

3 P. M.—Way Train, for Middletown.

4:30 P. M.—Way, for Port Jervis.

5:30 P. M.—Night Express, Buffalo, Newburgh, Warwick, Dunkirk.

7 P. M.—Lightning Express, daily, for Buffalo, Salamanca, Dunkirk, and all points West and South.

8 P. M.—Emigrant Train, daily, for the West.

Express trains run in direct connection with all Southern and Western lines.

D. S. BOYER,
Gen'l Pass. Agent. H. RIDDLE,
Gen'l Sup't.

LONG ISLAND RAILROAD—SPRING TIME TABLE FROM MAY 7.

Leave James-slip, New-York:

8 A. M., for Greenport and way stations.
10:30 A. M., for Syosset and way stations.
3:30 P. M., Express train, for Greenport.
4:30 P. M., for Syosset and way stations.
5:30 P. M., for North Islip and way stations, and on Saturday nights to Yaphank.

NORTHERN RAILROAD OF NEW-JERSEY

Trains leave Jersey City for Piermont at 5:00 and only at 11:15 P. M. (2:30, 5:30 and 6:30 P. M. Saturdays) to Monsey.

THOMAS W. DEMAREST, Superintendent.

MORRIS AND ESSEX RAILROAD.—THE work of changing the gauge of the road has been completed, and trains are now running with their accustomed regularity.

S. SCHOCH,
Assistant Superintendent.

THE LONE STAR LINIMENT WARRANTED to be superior to any other, for man or beast, in all ailments where external applications are used. Thousands proclaim its merits. Its horseman should not be without it, and no family would be without it after once using it. Read what the Napoleon of horsemen, Hiram Woodruff, of Union Course, Long Island, says:

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EDWARDS & BENNETT, Proprietors,
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THE GREAT INSIDE ROUTE FOR BOSTON,

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These boats are unsurpassed for comfort, strength and safety. State-rooms secured at the office, Pier No. 15, on the upper side of Peck-slip, No. 78 Washington-st, Boston, and at the Providence Depot.

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PROPOSALS.

PROPOSALS FOR STATIONERY.

BUREAU OF NAVIGATION, NAVY DEPARTMENT, WASHINGTON, June 27, 1866.

Sealed proposals will be received at this Bureau until 12 M. on SATURDAY, the 14th of July proximo, for the supply of Commanders' and Navigators' Stationery, at United States Navy-yards, for use on board vessels of the Printed schedules giving a list of the names and quantities of the articles required will be furnished on application either to the Bureau directly or to the Navigation Office, Navy-yard, New-York, where samples may be seen.

No proposal will be entertained unless accompanied by evidence that the bidder is a recognized dealer in the articles to be supplied, nor unless the proposals are confined to the articles, in kind and quantity, as stated on the schedule, and the amounts properly extended and footed; and the Bureau reserves the right to reject any or all of the bids which it shall not be for the interest of the Government to accept.

Every offer must be accompanied by a written guaranty of ability to perform a contract; and sureties in the full amount will be required to sign the contract.

Proposals will be indorsed "Proposals for Stationery," and addressed to the Chief of this Bureau.

THORNTON A. JENKINS,
Chief of Bureau of Navigation.

CROTON AQUEDUCT DEPARTMENT.

TO SEWER CONTRACTORS.—Separate sealed proposals, each indorsed with the title of the work to which it relates, the name of the bidder, and date of offering, will be received at this office until 11 o'clock A. M. of THURSDAY, July 5, 1866, for the construction of Sewers in the following streets, to wit, viz.: Watts-st., between Hudson and Varick sts.; Broadway, between Eighth and Ninth sts., and in 47th and 48th streets, between 7th and 8th avs.; Prince-st., between Mott-st. and the Bowery; 34th-st., between Varick-st. and 3d av.; Cliff-st., between Fulton and Beekman sts.; Fulton-st., between Delancey and Broome sts.; Hudson and Greenwich sts., between Laight and Hubert sts.; and 6th-av., between 24th and 25th sts.

Specifications for the work and forms for the bids can be obtained on application at this office.

THOS. STEPHENS,
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A. W. CRAVEN,
Croton Aqueduct Board.

CROTON AQUEDUCT DEPARTMENT, June 23, 1866.

CROTON AQUEDUCT DEPARTMENT, NEW-YORK, June 30, 1866.

TO IRON FOUNDERS.—SEALED PROPOSALS will be received at this office, Rotunda, City Hall Park, until 11 o'clock A. M. of THURSDAY, the 12th day of July, 1866, for the supply of Cast Iron WATER PIPES, viz.:

1,300 feet of Cast Iron Water Pipe, 20 inches internal diameter.
5,000 feet of Cast Iron Water Pipe, 12 inches internal diameter.
16,000 feet of Cast Iron Water Pipe, 6 inches internal diameter.
1,000 feet Cast Iron Water Pipe, 4 inches internal diameter.
42 tons of Branch Pipes and other special castings.

Separate bids may be offered and will be received for the 20-inch pipe, or for the 12, 6 and 4-inch pipe, or for the special castings; but such bids must be either for the whole of the 20-inch pipe, or for the whole of either pipe, or for the whole of the special castings.

Each proposal must be indorsed "Proposals for Cast Iron Water Pipes and Special Castings

THE GLORIOUS FOURTH.

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men who fought, not the men who talked; ask them if they trust the loyalty of the men they fought, vanquished and forgave, and, my life for it, from end to end of that glorious column of heroes will ring out "Aye, aye." Would to God it had been left to them—to the men who fought the quarrel out—to settle it, and I believe the "Union" would be whole to-day. But the Union must be. It cannot be prevented. It cannot be retarded. There is Union in the hearts of the people, North, South, East and West. They long for its reestablishment. Then desire the society of one another—trade and commerce with one another. It cannot be that they will much longer submit to the tricks, stratagems and manœuvres of faction that to enrich itself—retain power—would keep open, irritate and inflame the wounds of civil war, that only need time and peace to heal and be forgotten. For remember, time is running by—opportunities unused never return. Still the people of the South trust the people of the North and West. They still hope in their generosity—still hope in their just second thoughts—their calm common sense. Let not reconciliation—true, real reconciliation—be delayed until that confidence is gone and replaced by the sullen submission of disappointment and despair. I, too, trust in the people. They are often abused and misled, led to by factious men and for factious ends. But it is by playing on their noble instincts and generous impulses they are betrayed.

Misled by Fancy's meteor ray,
By Passion driven,
But still the light that led astray
Was light from Heaven.

Tell them but the truth—lay bare the deceit—show them that they are made the unconscious instruments of wrong, and they will be as quick to resent the treachery as to undo the mischief it has caused. Citizens of New-York, I don't speak now to Democrats alone, or to Republicans, many of the issues which divided us are settled, and need not divide us more. I speak to you now on a subject whereon we all must agree. Citizens of New-York, you are generous and charitable. Never men had more than you "a tear for pity and a hand open as day to melting charity." You are eager to relieve want and alleviate human misery all over the earth. Do you know—do you realise the fact that men and women, Americans, of the same language, faith, color as yourselves, your fellow-citizens in South Carolina, one of your sister States, are starving, dying for want of food? Will you not help them, too? You can help them—they don't ask money. All they ask for is justice—justice tempered with mercy. Give them that, they need no other help. Confidence will be restored. Capital will flow thither. The wreck and ruin of war will be repaired, and they will soon add to the wealth of the Republic instead of absorbing it with their misery. It can never be well with New-York while it is ill with South Carolina or Tennessee. This alone is Union—Union, not in form and name alone, but in substance and reality, that no wrong can be inflicted on any State, or any city, or any man, from Maine to Florida, without all the States, all cities, all men, feeling the hurt and inspiring to apply a remedy. This is real Union—all for each and each for all. Citizens, don't look at this from the low level of faction. "*Sursum corda.*" Ascend the higher eminence from which the wider and grander prospect may be obtained. There is no danger for New-York when the rights of Tennessee are invaded. For by the same wrong by which Tennessee is excluded from representation—by the same wrong your own State may suffer if the exigencies of faction require it that crime. During the civil war that is past many things were submitted to for which the alleged necessities of war were the only excuse. We saw the Constitution violated and the civil law set aside. We bore it for the sake of the Union, which we thought by such a sacrifice could be preserved. But now the war is over. The violations of the Constitution and the law continue, and the Union is not restored. Citizens, beware! The Republic is in danger! The historic danger of Republics! The Government has fallen from the hands of the many into the hands of the few. From the many who are apathetic, to the few who are energetic and bold. The life blood of the Republic, the respect for the Constitution of our fathers, is dying out of men's hearts, and when that dies the Republic is lost indeed. For paper constitutions, declarations of independence, laws, are but paper—worthless, lifeless; mere delusions, mockeries and snares when they cease to express the instincts and longings of a free people. Such a conception of power will go on till man, weary and sick of the worst of all bad governments, an irresponsible oligarchy, will go one step further and "fly from petty tyrants to the throne." Do you ever think, citizens, wherein the greatness of your Republic lies? A great Republic of republics—really founded in the wealth, power and intelligence? Not so. There are nations in the old world richer, with larger commerce than ours. In its broad lands—its almost illimitable domain? No; Russia has millions of fertile acres to which no emigrant turns his steps; thousands day after day arrive on our shores. Is it in our schools, churches, colleges? In all these things there are other countries by which we are equaled or excelled. I'll tell where, and where alone, its greatness lies—the secret of its vitality, strength, hope and endurance. It is in its freedom. In this, that it has been and will be, if it so please God and the people, a free Democratic Republic. Lose that, and all is lost. Better be shorn of its wealth—better it had never gained one rood of ground more than the thirteen original States—better it never manufactured a pound of cotton or a bar of iron—better we had no millionaires, no banks, no parks, no palaces—better now lose them all than lose that without which never could have been our heritage of freedom, our Constitution, our Democratic Republic. With this, all things are possible. Without this progress is progress toward ruin, and even the highest developments of wealth and civilization are but the unhealthy flush of premature decay. How can we stop? How halt in the road to ruin? Where can we find a guide? Retrace your steps. Take the Constitution and the Declaration of Independence for your guides, and you will still be safe. These are your guides; follow them. To us Democrats the path is easy and the guide familiar, for the Constitution and the Declaration of Independence have always been the principles of the Democratic Party. To those principles the Democracy, if it be true to itself, must always be true. In this the Democratic Party differs from other parties. It always goes wrong when it swerves from its principles. Other parties never go right unless when they abandon theirs. What is the Democratic Party? That Administration is the best that governs the least. That States and men thrive best—develop best what force is in them, when least checked, cramped, confined by legislation. That the States are equal, sovereign, and as such, each of them has rights as inalienable as those of the Union, which was formed by their consent; rights which cannot be confined, and which it is repudiated to deny or assail. That centralization and consolidation, in the hands of those who understand its secret, and were educated to suspect it, it works kindly and well. Played on by other fingers and ruder hands; turned to purpose stronger from the principles of its existence, prostituted to base ends, the subtle mechanism breaks; for it is a thing too noble to be used for wrong. I am not speaking now in the interests of any party. It is an hour when even the lowest level of party is too low for the occasion. True, I am a Democrat, but it is because I see in the principles of that party the true creed of the Republic. Those principles never die. They will live, and will still save the Union; and to those who have so much and so fatally defaced it by our civil war, to sentinel the people has been called, thanks to Divine Providence and our Chief Executive. [Cheers.] So significant has been the action of the Democratic Party—as illustrated by the men of Tammany—that to-day we have read here and elsewhere from the Premier of the Union Administration, laying at your feet his chapter of hopes! [Laughter and cheers.] Mr. SEWARD cannot refrain from recognizing the sterling patriotism of Tammany Hall, which is the patriotism of the Northern Democracy, and which, while protesting against the abuses of power, never wavered in its defence, by the blood of her sons, of the Constitutional Union which our fathers made. [Cheers.] But I meant only to speak to you to one practical point. My eloquent friend, Mr. O'GORMAN, has said that the Republic is not yet saved. The fearful war cloud has passed away; but he has truly said there is danger still. That danger comes from the same quarter from which our civil war came. That danger comes from the blotting out of eleven stars on our banner—the obliteration of eleven States from the Federal Union. Let me illustrate the imminency of this danger. Suppose that, in 1868, these States—living, breathing entities—vote for President and Vice-President. Their electors meet; their votes are cast in the college, in unison with a sufficient number of Northern States to elect a Democratic President. Suppose that election refused on the policy, the honor, the unsectional patriotism of the Democracy in the National Government, and that vote is borne to Washington during the Winter of 1868–9. The joint session of Senate and House meets to count the votes. Tennessee, Arkansas, Louisiana, and the other eight States held by the Radicals to be dead by suicide and secession, are Radical. They are called to be counted. Their vote elects the President. Their vote is objected to, because they are not suffragans in the Electoral College! It is then contended that they are not merely sleeping—not in abeyance—but absolutely out of the Union, and their voice only the whine of an abject, conquered people, not the voice of equal States, with all their dignity and independence unimpaired. What then? Is there any tribunal to decide this momentous question? I say: None! None! In 1826, when Wisconsin was called, and her vote for Mr. BUCHANAN was found to have been cast on a day not legally appointed—[in consequence of high waters]—the question was predetermined. It was held that the joint convention had the power only of—arithmetic; no judicial function, no authority to judge, as to the validity of the vote. So it remains yet. When the eleven States, now under Radical ban, shall be called—who will decide as to their right to vote? As surely as 1868 shall come, there will come dissension, embroilment and war. Unless this matter is averted by timely, moderate and judicious statesmanship, there will come war—civil war; not merely a war of sections, an international war, but a war of communities, more terrible than the mind can conceive; far more atrocious in its results than the war just ended. God help us then, if ANDREW JOHNSON fail us! But he will not fail in that conflict! [Cheers.] Let us avert these terrible calamities. How? I would strike hands with any man or set of men who will help give to the eleven disfranchised States, now under the bar-sinister of the Radical fragment of a Congress, their proper constitutional position and legislative representation. To this end let us aid the President. [Cheers.] Let us make the Philadelphia Convention a success. He is anxious for it. It will illustrate the possibility of men of patriotic sentiments meeting in one body and in harmony—from every part of the country. It will brand to everlasting infamy the slander that peace and good will from every section cannot meet in council for the well-being of the whole land. [Cheers.] No one need apprehend that this requires the disbanding of the Democratic Party. As I told the Democratic caucus at Washington the other night—no one, no Committee is authorized to break up the Democratic Party. It is immortal as the Constitution. [Cheers.] It only requires that we should choose delegates who believe in the Presidential and Democratic policy of Federal restoration and Congressional representation, and give them credentials to Philadelphia. Men of Tammany, see to this! It cannot be done save by Democracy. It must help the country. It will avert civil conflict—it will entomb Radicalism. You know how to make this idea practicable. When it is realized, then the invocation of my eloquent friend (Mr. O'GORMAN) that the people will save themselves will begin to find realization. Then will come, in peace and repose, the good time when the question will be answered:

"When wilt Thou save the people?
Oh, God of Mercy! when?
Not Kings and despots—tyrants!—
But hearts and homes and men!
Shall crime breed crime forever?
Struggling, shall all be strong?
No! say the mountains: No! the skies,
Our clouded sun shall proudly rise,
And songs ascend, instead of sighs.
God save the people!" [Cheers.]

Hon. EDWARDS PIERREPONT said he never came to Tammany without meaning business. He always came there to do something. After briefly reviewing the present condition of political things, he asked, "What is to be done?" Next Fall we must elect a Governor. New-York ruled the country in vice as well as in virtue. Unless the Democratic party elected a Governor, the Radical Republicans would elect a Senator. Governor FENTON would be renominated. When the people in other States saw this taking any such ground they would follow them, and their enemies would be encouraged. Now were they to do this thing, then? He must remind them that the Republican party had in it a powerful faction against it, and if a man whom they could decently support was put forward as candidate for Governor, they would sustain him. If they could find out who that man was, they should start then and work to make everybody else believe that he is the man. He then referred to the last campaign for Mayor of the City, and concluded by naming JOHN T. HOFFMAN, the present Mayor of the City, for the next Governor of New-York.

The Public School boys then sang with remarkable power "The Marseillaise," accompanied by the Tammany Band, and the pleasant company of the Wigwam separated, and each went down to his own particular tribe to see out the remainder of the glorious Fourth.

The Committee of Arrangements, to whom credit is due for the Tammany demonstration, consisted of Sachems John Kelly, Wm. M. Tweed, Matthew F. Brennan, Isaac Bell, Peter B. Sweeny, Emanuel B. Hart, Charles G. Cornell, James B. Nicholson, Wm. McMurray, Nathaniel Jarvis, Jr., John J. Bradley, Daniel E. Delavan.

But outsiders knew nothing of the Tammany Hall dinner, and the vast majority of our citizens were entirely free from the annoyances of dinner or any kind, owing to the pleasant arrangements made by the restaurant-men before alluded to. Great crowds wandered about the Central Park, Union-square and other resorts, where fireworks were to be given in the evening, and where all manner of out-of-door amusements were provided. Apple men, pitch-penny boys, Indian targets, weighing machines, soda-water stands and jumping poles, were largely patronized by a tired population, which waited for the coming on of evening with its promised delights. Toward the middle of the afternoon clouds of dust swept down the streets, filling the air, not to say eyes, hair and clothes, passaging rain, and giving the first faint suggestions of a possible disappointment. For a long time the only relief from absolute ennui was that afforded by the appearance of the

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who paraded through the City, armed and equipped, hot as the law directs, but each as best he could. Preceded by a small but competent band, Brig.-Gen. RAYMOND and his trusty few marched and countermarched till the very boys who followed them were tired. They began operations at sunrise, when, on the Battery, they saluted the flag. After this they joined in the procession, then dined at the Mercer House, and wound up with a grand and all-comprehensive parade. Some of the veterans stood very straight, others were bent nearly double—they all enjoyed themselves, and in the course of their perigrinations paid a visit to the TIMES Office, saluting with courtesy this servant of the people.

Some of our neighbors preferred celebrating the Fourth in their own way at their own homes. Among such were our friends at

FLUSHING, L. I.,

The noticeable feature of the celebration yesterday at Flushing, L. I., was the exercises attendant upon the laying of the corner-stone of the soldiers' monument. The citizens of Flushing have manifested a lively interest in the brave men who left their midst to participate in the war for the Union, and have not only rendered to such as have returned every assistance to enable them to resume their civil pursuits, but have, in a most generous manner, taken charge of the education and support of upward of 150 soldiers' orphans. They have now commenced the erection of an elegant and substantial monument to the memory of those dead heroes who were killed in the several battles of the war.

The site of the monument is at the eastern extremity of the neat little square in front of the Town-hall, and near the heart of the village. It is on the main thoroughfare leading through the village, and cannot fail to attract the attention of the thousands who visit this beautiful village each Summer. The monument will be a plain shaft of Quincy granite, 9 feet at the base and 37 feet high, and will cost the sum of $4,500. On the several faces of the shaft will appear the names of the soldiers who entered the army from Flushing and its immediate vicinity, and who were killed during the war. The following is the list of names thus far compiled by the Committee:

ASA A. Fowler, Sergeant; Washington W. Fowler, Corporal; Lorenzo D. Wood, Corporal; James Foley, Joseph B. Teiseki, Seth Harpell, William C. Dermody, Captain; Henry Reimer, Martin Nix, Philip Maher, Geo. W. Huntaman, Corporal; Joseph Kiersted, Corporal; Benjamin Covert, Benjamin Harpell, Sergeant; John W. Byrd, Robert C. Wright, James Edward Elderd, James Byrns, Thomas H. Jenkins, Patrick Maher, Elijah W. Peck, Charles D. S mith, Harrison Curtis, Corporal; John Mars, Corporal; Thomas McGrady, Phillip Kenna, William Goodwin, William H. Terry, John Kensly, Jacob Manweiler, C. D. Rossiter, Geo. H. Fowler, Corporal; M. Moore, W. J. Coon, Samuel C. Portner, Edward L. Murray, Patrick Hurley, John Wesley Hinstman, Washington C. Knight, Burton Belanse; Robert Karr, Valentine Clinch, John Carroll, Christian Schwartzmann, Patrick Martin, John Brady, Titus Crooker, Washington Knight, Jas. Smith, W. H. Field, John Hefermehl, Frank Richter, David Schnizz, John Doherty, Juergen Steinberg, Adam Wirth, Henry Appel, Chas. Stader, Valentine Helfrich, John Buckley, Charles Erling, Thomas Conner, John Peppler, Louis Brisky, Captain, Emil Shubert, Second Lieutenant, J. Steinbruecker, George W. Andrews, Rheinhardt, John Stonebanks, Willis H. Tyrrel.

It is known that there are many others whose names the Committee have been unable to ascertain, and any person who can assist in completing the list are requested to address Mr. L. BRADFORD PRINCE, at Flushing.

A large number of the citizens of Flushing and vicinity congregated in front of the Town Hall to witness the ceremony of laying the corner-stone of the monument. A goodly proportion of the multitude were ladies. The soldiers' orphans were present, and sang several pieces very creditably. The exercises commenced with singing "Marching On," followed by a prayer by Rev. ELIJAH S. FAIRCHILD. The cornerstone was then laid by the Committee, and a number of trophies of the war, together with some manuscripts relating to the monument, and the part taken by Flushing in the conflict, were placed in the cavity and then sealed up. Appropriate remarks were then made by the Hon. MORRIS FRANKLIN, Chairman of the Monument Committee. The following dirge was then sung by the children:

PEACE TO THE BRAVE.

Peace to the brave who nobly fell
Reach our flag, their hope and pride!
They fought like heroes long and well,
Then like heroes died.

Hallowed forever be the graves
Where our martyrs dreamless sleep!
Columbia, weep thy fallen braves,
But triumphant weep!

Nobly they died in Freedom's name—
Died ere traitors' flags to save;
Forever sacred be their fame,
Green their honored graves.

The address which followed by Rev. GEORGE R. CROOKS, D. D., was an able and eloquent effort, which was attentively listened to throughout. "The Battle Cry of Freedom" was then sung by the entire assembly, after which Rev. J. CARPENTER SMITH pronounced a benediction, and the assemblage dispersed. The remainder of the day was devoted to the usual manner of celebrating in Flushing, and in the evening there was a fine display of fireworks.

No rose can secure entire maturity in this mundanic sphere that is not more or less remotely connected with a thorn. No Fourth of July, or other celebration, can be complete without a disappointment of some kind or other. Our readers are familiar with the rumpus that was made here because no provision had been made for

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on this festive occasion, and they are also aware of the fact that EDGE volunteered to furnish the requisite fireworks on certain conditions. In some way an impression was spread among the people that the pyrotechnic display in front of the City Hall, and in other places, would be particularly fine this year; that EDGE had determined to do something that would everlastingly stand to his credit. So when the rain clouds came up in the afternoon, and the rain came down in the early evening, the anxious denizens of this and adjacent places felt the oncoming of disappointment. Despite the apparent interference, the authorities went to work with the determination of giving the exhibition, and when at a little after eight o'clock the rain had stopped, a great crowd had gathered in and about the Park, waiting good-naturedly the expected treat. But it did not come. The disappointment was as great as it was unnecessary. We presume the reason given will be the expected rain, but it would have been much better if the programme had been followed to the letter.

ACCIDENTS

will happen in the best regulated families, and the police returns of yesterday show our City to be no exception to the rule.

The returns of the Eighth Precinct read as follows: "About 3 A. M. a fight occurred at the intersection of Canal and Laurens streets, between a crowd of black thieves and prostitutes, during which a negro named GEORGE BROWN, of No. 28 Laurens-street, was clubbed over the head with a musket." The police return further remarks that the clubbing was at the hands of an unknown person.

About 10:45 of the clock which they keep in operation at Eighth-avenue and Fourteenth-street, Patrolman NORRIS took into the Twentieth-street Police-station an aged couple who had strayed from their home, and could tell neither their name nor the street in which they lived.

About 11:15 yesterday morning THOMAS COWAN, while handling a pistol in MICHAEL BLUME's drug-store, at No. 4 Rector-street, was shot by the accidental discharge of the weapon. The ball entered the hand and lodged in the arm.

WILLIAM HORAN, of No. 55 Lewis-street, was wounded in the hand by the accidental discharge of his pistol.

Between 10 and 11 o'clock on Tuesday night THOS. BROWN, of No. 77 Hamilton-avenue, Brooklyn, fell overboard at Pier No. 8 East River, and was rescued by Mr. WILLIAM LEE, boatman.

Officer KELLAHER, of the Third Precinct, took to the Chambers-street Police-station a small boy, THOS. FARRELL by name, 6 years of age, found at the Pavonia-avenue Ferry. The child said that he had been taken from Randall's Island by an utter stranger, who, having transported him to Ohio, sold him for $10 to a man who took him back to New-York.

JOHN KENNY, of No. 282 Avenue A, was wounded in the right hand by the premature explosion of a small cannon.

JAMES RYAN, of No. 202 Cherry-street, lost a finger, shot off by accidental discharge of pistol.

PETER MCGINNIS, of Sixth-street, between Avenues C and D, lost two fingers by the premature explosion of a pistol.

THOMAS O'NEIL, of No. 316 Stanton-street, suffered a compound fracture of the right arm from the premature explosion of a pistol.

The Twenty-first Precinct return is as follows: "At 1:45 this morning, Officer FITZGERALD, who was patroling his post in Fortieth-street, between Second and Third avenues, was assaulted and beaten by a gang of loafers who came from the liquor-store of STEPHEN GEOGHEGAN, at the intersection of Fortieth-street and Third-avenue."

The following additional accidents were reported by Police telegraph last night:

JOHN POMEROY, 34 years of age, a carman, had his leg fractured at the Staten Island Ferry by a barrel falling upon it. Taken to New-York Hospital.

LEWIS H. FORFAIR, aged 27, narrowly escaped drowning, he having fallen into the North River, at Pier No. 12. Taken to New-York Hospital.

JOSIAH ECOMBS had his fingers badly lacerated by premature explosion of a musket in front of No. 11 Washington-street. Taken to New-York Hospital.

MICHAEL DALTON, aged 17, residing at No. 140 Mulberry-street, had his fingers so severely shattered by the explosion of a pistol that they were amputated on his arrival at the New-York Hospital.

CHRISTIAN FOOSEN, 27 years of age, and residing at No. 647 Pearl-street, had his fingers lacerated with a pistol. Taken to the New-York Hospital.

THOMAS FEARN shattered his fingers by carelessly handling a pistol on board the steamer *City of Boston*, at Pier No. 44 North River. Taken to the New-York Hospital.

CHRISTOPHER FARRELL, residing in Greenwich-street, near Morris, received a severe wound in the hand by the premature explosion of a pistol. Removed to the New-York Hospital.

Five persons, who received slight wounds on the the hand by incautiously handling fireworks, had their injuries dressed at the New-York Hospital during yesterday.

At 11 o'clock yesterday morning, ELLEN BAUER, aged 6 years, and residing at No. 321 Third-avenue, was severely burned by her clothes catching fire from fireworks. She was taken care of by her friends.

WM. ARMITAGE, aged 13, and an inmate of the Newsboys' Lodging House, was playing with a pistol at 3 o'clock yesterday, when it exploded, filling his face and eyes with powder. He was taken to Bellevue Hospital.

JEREMIAH MARGAN, aged 2 months, fell from the roof of No. 14 Ludlow-street, yesterday afternoon, and was instantly killed.

ROSE DOH and child, residing at No. 71 Cherry-street, were badly burned by the explosion of a kerosene oil lamp in their apartments. They were taken to Bellevue Hospital.

WM. BURNS, aged 15, a native of New-York, who resides at No. 136 West Eighteenth-street, was shot in the hand by the premature explosion of a pistol. He was taken to Bellevue Hospital.

MICHAEL COLLINS, aged 13, a native of New-York, residing at No. 59 East Forty-first-street, was accidentally burned in the leg by the explosion of some powder in his pocket. He was taken to Bellevue Hospital.

MICHAEL ROACH, aged 32, a native of Ireland, residing at No. 231 Elizabeth-street, had one of his hands shattered by the premature discharge of a pistol. He was taken to Bellevue Hospital.

But of all the people in this part of the world who have distinguished themselves on this Fourth of July, the valiant Major-General of the

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deserves to be placed at the head. Deeming it, probably, a bore to turn out in uniform at the head of his brave command, the distinguished General declined ordering a parade, but recommended that the flags be *lowered at half-mast*, and a general state of despondency be entered into, because——Gen. SCOTT died last month.

Of course no heed was paid to his suggestion. The flags fluttered gaily in the pleasant breeze, and gave noisy boys and patriotic youths than Brooklyn ever knew before made the streets to smoke and roar with all that experience could suggest or money procure for the desired end. In the Eastern as well as the Western District, all business was suspended, and the national flag floated from all the public buildings, while many private residences, particularly in the Thirteenth and Nineteenth Wards, were tastefully decorated. The great feature of the day was the procession and festival of the Union Educational Society, connected with St. Mary's Church, Father MCDONALD, before whom STEPHEN J. COLAHAN, Esq., delivered an oration. About 8:30 o'clock the procession formed at the church corner of Leonard and Remsen streets, then marched from Leonard to Grand-street, thence up Grand to Smith-street, thence to Union-avenue, to North Second-street, through North Second-street to Fifth-street, thence to North Sixth-street, passing St. Vincent de Paul's Church, thence along North Sixth to Fourth-street, along Fourth to Grand-street, along Grand to Second-street, thence along Second-street to South Third, passing St. Peter and St. Paul Churches. The line passed the Churches of the Immaculate Conception and Holy Trinity on their way to Boulevard Grove. The route was a very lengthy one, fully five miles, and although there were some 1,400 children in the procession, none of them showed evidences of exhaustion. A pleasing feature in the pageant was the appearance of a body of orphan boys, dressed in neat linen suits, who enlivened the march with fine music. St. Mary's Benevolent Society had the head of the procession. The band, organized by Rev. Father MCDONALD, composed of twenty pieces, under the leadership of Mr. BUCKLEY, discoursed very creditable music. At the grove the stringed instruments took the place of brass, and the glorious dance brought to its shrine many of the devotees of Terpsichore. About 2:30 o'clock Father MCDONALD, with the orator of the day and several other gentlemen, made their appearance on the main stand, and were soon surrounded by a large concourse of people. Father MCDONALD made a brief address, and introduced STEPHEN J. COLAHAN, who delivered a very eloquent oration, which was frequently responded to by applause. In conclusion, the gifted young orator said: "We love liberty because it ennobles man, and we love our Republic because within her realms man can stand forth in the proud consciousness of his own dignity, and proclaim to the world that he has all his rights, unmanacled and free. Here is freedom of speech, freedom of the Press, and freedom of religion. No State church, no inquisition, no penal code—but all left to the will of the thinker and to the promptings of the heart. Thankful to the Almighty God should we be for his protection during our hours of darkness and danger, and if we have suffered, we have not suffered in vain. This Republic remembers her patriotic sons, and she will write over their graves the democratic, noble and simple epitaph: They died in liberty's battle. This is a glory the King cannot give his subject; a glory the crown cannot give the King." At the conclusion of the oration the multitude departed for their homes, well pleased with the proceedings of the day. At 10:50 A. M. the residence of HERMAN MIEMZ, No. 64 Scholes-street, E. D., took fire from the use of firecrackers. Damage trifling. Just previous to this the residence of JAMES BURCHARD, No. 130 Whipple-street, took fire, and was slightly damaged. At 12:20 the residence of MATHEW BUNCASTLE, No. 32 Stagg-street, took fire, and was damaged to the amount of $200. About the same time the residence of JAMES WINNERN, No. 200 South First-street, took fire and was damaged $180. During the afternoon Engine Companies Nos. 7 and 12 created considerable stir by a series of pitched battles. Capt. WOGLOM and his men finally clubbed them into a quiet state.

A most reckless use of fire-arms, by which three boys were shot, occurred in the Sixteenth Ward about 8 o'clock yesterday morning. The following particulars of the affair have been obtained: At the hour named, a German named WILHELM VOLTZ, a painter by trade, 23 years of age, residing at the corner of Scholes and Ewen streets, took a musket loaded with buckshot, and, standing at the gate of his residence, discharged its contents into a crowd of little boys, who were playing on the opposite corner. What motive actuated the man is unknown. He could have entertained no malice against the children; he did know the musket was loaded, as he had been told so by parties in the house, and it is difficult to assign any cause for the act. Its consequences, however, were extremely sad. The following are the names of the children on whom the shot took effect: RICHARD LEHMAN, aged 6 years, shot through the heart, lived two hours. His parents reside at the corner where he was shot. WILLIAM MANBIA, aged 5 years, had one eye shot out and received buckshot in his arms and legs. His recovery is doubtful. His parents reside at No. 153 Ewen-street. CHARLES BARGET, aged 6 years, had his body pretty well perforated; is very low and cannot, it is believed, recover. Officer LANGSTER, of the Forty-sixth Precinct, arrested VOLTZ, and he will have a hearing before Justice WALTER this morning. Drs. NORTH and VERMOND did all they could to make the sufferers comfortable. Coroner SMITH will hold an inquest and thoroughly investigate this sad affair.

Accounts from every quarter indicate a hearty and general celebration of the day. So far as this City was concerned, the good order observed was notable and praiseworthy, and although the "celebration" was kept up till long after midnight the police found but little to do, and but few rowdies to do with.

On the whole, then, New-Yorkers may be proud of their part in the National programme—the day was fine, the parade excellent, the fireworks a fizzle, and the entirety a success.

BRUTAL ROW ON BOARD THE FORT LEE STEAMER.

The steamer *Thomas E. Hulse* left Fort Lee at 6 o'clock last evening for this City, having on board nearly 600 passengers, among whom were some twenty or thirty members of the Third National Guard, better known as BENDIX's Zouaves. Several of these were intoxicated, and as there were also a large number of Ninth Ward rowdies on board, who were disposed to be quarrelsome, a dispute soon arose between them and the Zouaves. From words they soon came to blows, and several desperate encounters was the immediate result. Pistols, clubs and knives were drawn and freely used, resulting in several men being severely and dangerously wounded.

These rows created the wildest excitement among the excursionists on board the steamer, and the women manifested the utmost terror of the drunken and infuriated ruffians who held a bloody carnival on the upper decks, making themselves feared by the more peaceable portion of the passengers. Not content with slashing about and maltreating inoffensive persons, the ruffians turned their attention to the boat itself, breaking off doors in the cabin, smashing windows and breaking everything lying loose on the decks.

The Captain of the *Hulse* endeavored from his position in the wheelhouse to persuade the combatants to desist, and allow him to carry his boat in safety into her dock at the foot of Spring-street, which they were then nearing. His efforts, however, had a contrary effect; for, drawing revolvers, the drunken rowdies demanded that the steamer should be put about and headed up stream, as they expressed a wish to land at the foot of Thirty-fourth-street. Being in absolute possession of the boat for the moment, the Captain felt himself compelled to obey; and the two gangs, still quarreling, were allowed to get off at Thirty-fourth-street, they carrying off their wounded on the doors they had unhinged in the cabin. The steamer then returned to her dock and discharged her other passengers.

The Ninth Ward Police heard of the disturbance soon after the boat arrived, and several officers were sent down to investigate, but they returned on finding that the belligerents had all landed at Thirty-fourth-street. The Twentieth Precinct Police knew nothing of the affair and made no arrests.

The Police Courts.

At Jefferson Market, before Justice DODGE, WILLIAM ALGEO, a sailor attached to the United States ship *Susquehanna*, made oath that when he arrived in the City, on Tuesday evening, he gave his luggage to FRANCIS MCGUIRE and WILLIAM MCCUNN, and that they fled from the Twenty-seventh-street depot therewith. He summoned the Police, and Patrolman SAMUEL SOULE responded, and arrested both of the accused. The prisoners were taken to the Thirty-fifth street Police-station, and thence before Justice DODGE, and at Court one was recognized as a thief who had served on Blackwell's Island. Both were committed in default of $2,000 bail each.

SIMON BRILL, of No. 327 Canal-street, appeared against MARY GERNSHAUSEN, a maiden of 40 summers, who is described by the old stagers of Jefferson Market as one of the MERDLESHAUN family. Miss GERNSHAUSEN went into BRILL's place on Tuesday afternoon and made a trifling purchase, putting up a five-dollar note in payment. While BRILL's back was turned in making her change, she stole a roll of guipure lace, valued at $40; but, unluckily for her, she did not well conceal the same. The lace was subsequently discovered trailing under her dress, and the little girl who made the discovery informed Mr. BRILL, who in turn informed Policeman HENRY MILE, the consequence of all of which was that the fair DORA, the Dresser, contended the Tombs and was committed for trial.

Justice DOWLING committed WILLIAM CASSEN, a brass-finisher, the charge being that the accused, who had been arrested by Patrolman IRVING, had stolen a small boat from JAMES GROSSMAN, of No. 64 Market-street. The prisoner said that he merely borrowed the boat; but the Justice did not see it in that light.

The Soldiers at David's Island.

The disabled soldiers in the hospital at David's Island, together with the guard on duty, were no forgotten. The steamer *Benton* took up the river on Tuesday afternoon, two crates of strawberries, a box of lemons, sugar, peas, hams, &c., enough to make a welcome addition to the usual bill of fare. They were purchased and forwarded by Wm. OLAND BOURKE, the contributions being made in part by friends of the soldiers.

The Soldiers' Orphan Home.

At the Orphan Home, Fifty-eighth-street, near Eighth-avenue, there are over one hundred orphans of soldiers. Beside their usual dinner they were furnished with a large variety of cakes, confectionery and cherries, presented by Mr. BOEHME, who also placed in the hands of each of the children a beautiful little flag, to which they responded in a spirited singing of "Rally round the Flag," and winding up with three cheers and a tiger.

Murder at Melrose.

We are informed that JOHN FOULKES, a police officer at Melrose, Westchester County, was killed yesterday forenoon under the following circumstances: A party of young men while engaged in playing ball knocked their ball into the field or garden of a Mr. COOK. In getting it they trampled over some beds, which put COOK in a great passion, and he threatened if they repeated the act to shoot the offender. Very soon the ball was again knocked over the fence, and COOK appeared with his gun, making most violent threats. Policeman FOULKES interfered, and tried to pacify COOK, but the latter turned the gun upon him and fired into his side, making a horrible wound from which FOULKES died almost instantly. There was intense excitement, and a great many were in favor of killing COOK on the spot, but he was taken to the lock-up and so saved from the popular fury.

ANOTHER ACCOUNT.

Yesterday afternoon, while a party of firemen were engaged in ball-play in Lower Morrisania, they happened to knock a ball over into the garden of a German named FOLKS, and one of them going over the fence into the garden for the ball, was ordered off by the proprietor, who threatened to shoot the first man who trespassed again. The ball-players at once notified a policeman named COOK, residing in Prospect-street, Morrisania, of the threats of the German, and COOK walked over to remonstrate with him, whereupon the incensed FOLK turned upon him and told him if he did not leave he would shoot him, and before COOK could turn to retire FALK fired his gun at him, shooting him dead on the spot. This brutal murder of a man doing nothing but his duty, and without the slightest provocation, at once created an immense excitement, and it was as much as the other policemen, who rushed to the spot after the shooting had occurred, could do to prevent the crowd from lynching FALK on the spot. He was, however, arrested and placed in close custody, and is now held to await the action of the Grand Jury. An inquest was held on the body at 3 P. M., and a verdict was rendered in accordance with the above facts.

Fires During Yesterday.

At 6 o'clock yesterday morning an alarm of fire was sounded for No. 24 East Houston-street, but it proved a false alarm.

At 10:15 the awning of No. 1145 Broadway, near Twenty-seventh-street, took fire from a firecracker, but the flames were speedily extinguished. Damage $40.

At 11:15 a fire occurred on the shingle roof of No. 456 Greenwich-street, owned and occupied by W. TAYLOR as a bakery. The fire was caused by fireworks. Damage to building $150. Loss on stock and furniture by water $2,000. Insured for $3,000 in the North River, and $2,500 in the Greenwich Insurance Companies. The flames extended to the roof of No. 458, occupied by W. G. BAILEY, causing a damage of $16. Loss by water on furniture $800. No insurance. The roof of No. 460, occupied by GEORGE STUMPH, was also damaged to the extent of $350. Loss by water $600. Fully insured for $3,000 in the Merchants' Exchange and North River Insurance Companies.

At 1 o'clock yesterday afternoon, the woodshed of Mrs. NICHOLSON, in Sixty-third-street, between Broadway and Ninth-avenue, took fire and the flames extended to the tenement house in Sixty-fourth-street, owned by ADAM HERBERT. Damage $500. Insured.

At 4:30 o'clock the wheel-wright shop of ANEL WHEETON, No. 460 Third-avenue, in the rear, took fire by the explosion of fireworks, but it was soon put out with trifling damage.

THE NATIONAL ANNIVERSARY.

The Observance at Philadelphia—Impressive Ceremonies—The Transfer of Flags to the State Authorities.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, July 4.

The celebration of the National Anniversary in this city to-day was attended with the most impressive ceremonies, on the occasion of the transfer of the flags of the Pennsylvania regiments from the military to the State authorities.

At 10 o'clock the procession of veterans started from the rendezvous at Broad and Arch streets, under command of Gen. HANCOCK, and proceeded over the route in the following order:

Advance Guard.
Mounted Policemen.
Band.
Cavalry Guard, Captain SPEAR.
General HANCOCK.
Mounted Officers, not on duty, with troops.
Dismounted Officers, not on duty, with troops.
Washington Artillery of Pottsville.
National Light Infantry of Pottsville.
Ringgold Light Artillery of Reading.
Logan Guard of Lewistown.
Allen Infantry of Allentown.

These being the first troops to pass through Baltimore, on their way to Washington when the capital was in danger, at the commencement of the rebellion.]

Regiments and detachments as follows:

First Infantry.
Second Artillery.
Third Cavalry.
Gen MEADE and Staff.
Mounted Officers in Carriages.
Colors and Color Guard.
United States Troops in the vicinity of Philadelphia.
United States Marines.
His Excellency Gov. CURTIN and Staff in Carriages.
Soldiers' Orphans.
Chief Engineer of the Fire Department and Assistants, with a delegation from each Company in the City, fully equipped as a Guard of Honor.
Pennsylvania Militia.
Military Academies and Schools.
Organizations whose Members have served in the field during the late War.

The veteran troops with their battle-stained banners were cheered lustily as the procession passed by the immense concourse of spectators gathered on the sidewalk.

The orphans of the soldiers who fell in the war comprised one of the most important features of the display. The boys marched in platoons, while a detachment from the Volunteer Fire Department, headed by Chief-Engineer LEECH, acted as a guard of honor, forming in a hollow square, to the orphan girls, who rode in their ambulances.

About 10,000 veterans from the city and State participated in the procession, and the orphans, who are under the protection of the State, numbered 1,100.

The spectacle presented on the appearance of the color-bearers and the troops before the main stand at Independence Square was one of the grandest ever witnessed on this Continent. Over 100 color-bearers surrounded Gov. CURTIN and Gen. MEADE, with the torn remnants of the flags of their regiments. On a staging, forming a semi-circle around the main stand, there were concentrated thousands of widows and orphans of Pennsylvania soldiers who had fallen in battle. Independence Hall in the rear was handsomely draped with the national colors, as were the trees on either side of the main avenue. Fifteen or twenty thousand people were congregated within the square.

At noon the ceremony of presenting the flags took place in the square in the rear of Independence Hall. The color-bearers occupied a position in front of the stand, and after the performance of the Triumphal March by BIRGFEL